



British Friends of the National Gallery of Ireland

Directors' report and financial statements

Year ended 31 December 2018

Registered number: 03195458





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Directors and other information

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Sean Rainbird (English)
Alan Davis (Irish)
Lady Mary Philomena Hatch (English)

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Directors' report incorporating trustees' annual report

The directors submit their report together with the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Principal activities and business review

British Friends of the National Gallery of Ireland is registered as a charity in the United Kingdom. It is a company limited by guarantee and is governed by the company's memorandum and articles of association.

The method of appointment of trustees is set out in the articles of association.

The general purpose of the charity is set out in the memorandum of association of the company. More specifically, since 1996, the charity has been raising funds for the construction of the National Gallery of Ireland's new Millennium Wing. This particular programme is now complete and almost all funds raised have been transferred to the National Gallery of Ireland's Millennium Wing development account.

The charity is managed and controlled through its council of management, which meets as required. With the completion of the Millennium Wing programme, it has now been agreed to develop a strategy to raise funds for acquisitions generally for the benefit of the National Gallery of Ireland.

Results

The results for the year are set out on page 8 of the financial statements.

Directors and secretary and their interests

The directors and secretary in office during the financial year ended 31 December 2018 are set out below. Unless otherwise indicated they served as directors for the entire year.

Directors

William Early – resigned 20 September 2018
David Spearman – resigned 20 September 2018
Orietta Benocci Adam (Italian)
Sean Rainbird (English)
Alan Davis (Irish)
Lady Mary Philomena Hatch (English)

Secretary

Jane Brennan

Status

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The company is registered as a charity with the Inland Revenue.

Political donations

During the financial year the company made political donations of £Nil (2017: £Nil).



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Directors' report *(continued)*

Disclosure of information to auditor

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

Strategic report

The company has availed of the exemption under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 from implementing the strategic report requirements as the company qualifies as a small company for company law purposes.

Auditor

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor, KPMG, Chartered Accountants, will be deemed to be reappointed.

On behalf of the board

Director
Alan Davis

27 September 2019



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Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the trustees' annual report and the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*.

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the profit or loss of the charitable company for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the directors 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 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assess the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are responsible for such internal controls as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board

Director

Alan Davis

27 September 2019



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Independent auditor's report to the members of British Friends of the National Gallery of Ireland

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The British Fund for the National Gallery of Ireland ("the charitable company") for the year ended 31 December 2018 set out on pages 8 to 13, which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of changes in equity, the cash flow statement and related notes, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 1. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is UK Law and FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2018 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

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 financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council (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.

We have nothing to report on going concern

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the charitable company's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements. We have nothing to report in these respects.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor's report is not a guarantee that the charitable company will continue in operation.



Independent auditor's report to the members of British Friends of the National Gallery of Ireland (continued)

Report on the audit of the financial statements (continued)

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information presented in the Annual Report together with the financial statements. The other information comprises the information included in the directors' report. The financial statements and our auditor's report thereon do not comprise part of the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except as explicitly stated below, any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work we have not identified material misstatements in the other information.

Based solely on our work on the other information;

- we have not identified material misstatements in the directors report or the strategic report;
- in our opinion, the information given in the directors' report and the strategic report is consistent with the financial statements;
- in our opinion, the directors' report and the strategic report have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

We have nothing to report in these respects.



Independent auditor's report to the members of British Friends of the National Gallery of Ireland *(continued)*

Respective responsibilities and restrictions on use

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 4, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements including being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the charitable company'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 they either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements 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 financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

Our report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members 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 charitable company and the charitable company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

C. Byrne (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of KPMG, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants
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27 September 2019



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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2018

	<i>Note</i>	Restricted funds 2018 £	Restricted funds 2017 £
Income		-	-
Administration expenses		(3,064)	(870)
Deficit for year	3	(3,064)	(870)
Surplus at beginning of year		16,694	17,564
Surplus at end of year		13,630	16,694

The income and expenditure arise from continuing activities. The company had no recognised gains or losses in the financial year or preceding financial year other than those dealt with in the statement of financial activities.



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Balance sheet

as at 31 December 2018

	Note	2018 £	2017 £
Current assets			
Prepayments		120	120
Bank and cash	4	17,210	17,330
		<u>17,330</u>	<u>17,450</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(3,700)	(756)
		<u>13,630</u>	<u>16,694</u>
Net assets			
		<u>13,630</u>	<u>16,694</u>
Capital and reserves			
Restricted funds		13,630	16,694
		<u>13,630</u>	<u>16,694</u>

The financial statements were approved by the directors on 27 September 2019 and signed on their behalf by

Director

Alan Davis



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Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 December 2018

	Profit and loss account £	Total £
At 1 January 2017	17,564	17,564
Loss for the year	(870)	(870)
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Balance at 31 December 2017	16,694	16,694
Loss for the year	(3,064)	(3,064)
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Balance at 31 December 2018	13,630	13,630
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The accompanying notes form an integral part of the financial statements.



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Cash flow statement

for the year ended 30 December 2018

	Note	2018 €	2017 €
Cash flows from operating activities			
Loss for the year		(3,064)	(870)
(Increase) in trade and other debtors		-	(40)
Increase in trade and other creditors		2,944	-
Net cash from operating activities		(120)	(910)
Cash flows from investing activities		-	-
Cash flows from financing activities		-	-
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(120)	(910)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	4	17,330	18,240
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	4	17,210	17,330



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Notes

forming part of the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

British Friends of the National Gallery of Ireland (the "company") is a company limited by shares and incorporated and domiciled in the United Kingdom.

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* ("FRS 102"). The presentation currency of these financial statements is Sterling.

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated to the company's functional currency at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. The financial statements are prepared in Sterling pounds.

Basic financial instruments

Trade and other debtors/creditors

Trade and other debtors are recognised initially at transaction price less attributable transaction costs. Trade and other creditors are recognised initially at transaction price plus attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses in the case of trade debtors. If the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, for example if payment is deferred beyond normal business terms, then it is measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and call deposits.

Turnover

Income is included in the financial statements on a cash receivable basis.

Heritage Assets and Collections

Heritage Assets and Collections acquired by the company by donation, or by long term loan are not valued as assets in these financial statements.

The directors believe that the unique characteristics of the Gallery Collection renders it incapable of meaningful valuation. Therefore no values have been included in these financial statements in respect of The Collection.

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Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Expenses

Interest payable

Interest payable and similar charges include interest payable, finance charges on shares classified as liabilities and finance leases recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method, unwinding of the discount on provisions, and net foreign exchange losses that are recognised in the profit and loss account (see foreign currency accounting policy).

Interest payable is recognised in profit or loss as they accrue, using the effective interest rate method. Foreign currency gains and losses are reported on a net basis.

2 Taxation

British Friends of the National Gallery of Ireland is regarded by the Board of the Inland Revenue as established for charitable purposes only and accordingly is exempt from corporation tax.

3 Deficit for the year

The deficit has been arrived at after charging the following items:

	2018 £	2017 £
Auditor's remuneration	3,173	561

4 Cash and cash equivalents/bank overdrafts

	2018 £	2017 £
Cash at bank and in hand	17,210	17,330
Cash and cash equivalents per cash flow statements	17,210	17,330

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2018 £	2017 £
Accruals	3,700	756

6 Related party transactions

In prior years a number of paintings were donated to the company by one of the directors, since deceased. These paintings were on loan from the company to The National Gallery of Ireland. In the current year no paintings were transferred to The Governors and Guardians of the National Gallery of Ireland.