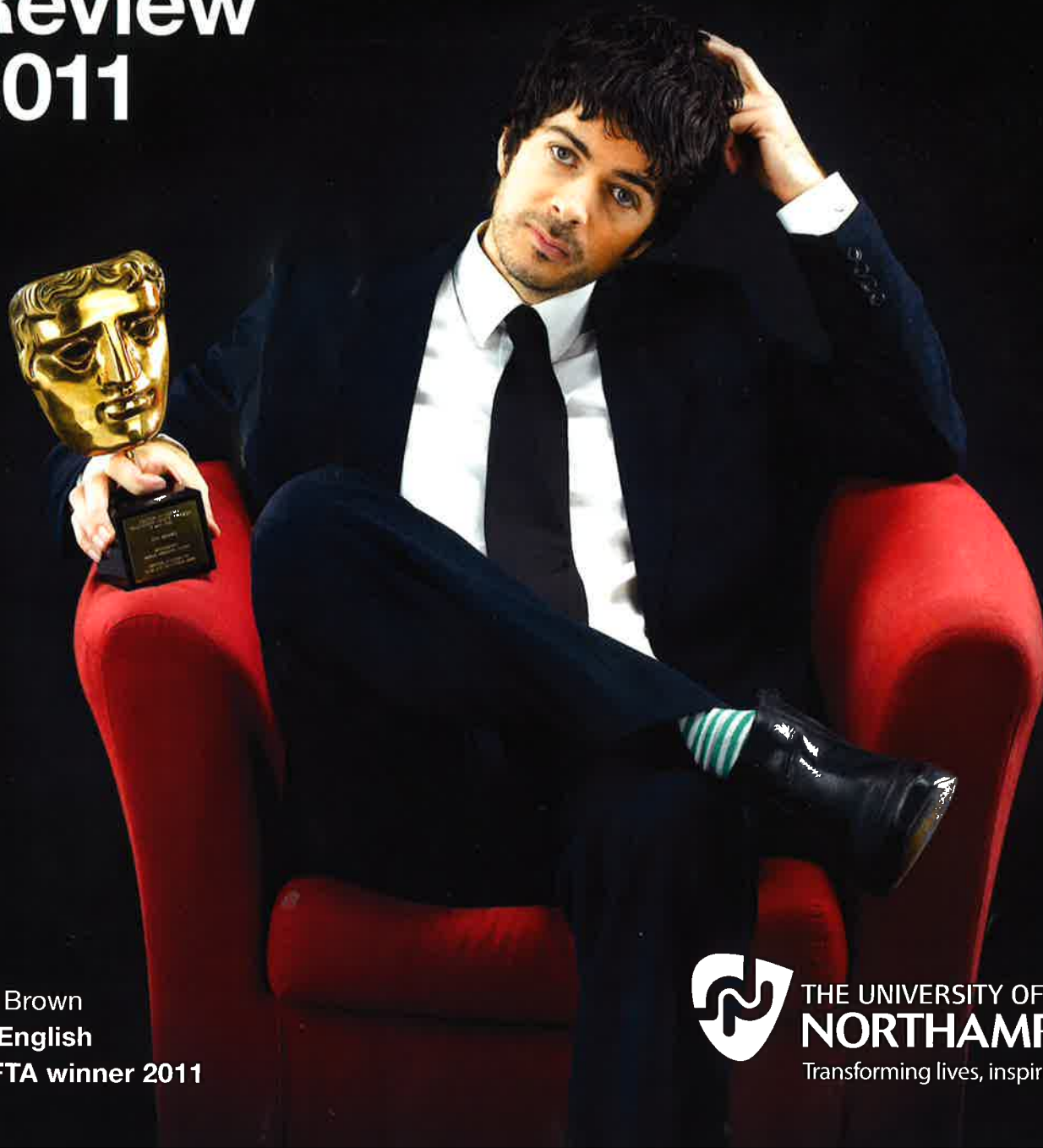


Annual Review 2011



Jon Brown
BA English
BAFTA winner 2011



THE UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHAMPTON
Transforming lives, inspiring change

Review 2011

Vice Chancellor's introduction

November 2010 saw the launch of our new strategic plan 'Raising the Bar' that commits the University to a period of rapid and sustained change.

This is not change for its own sake - put bluntly, the higher education landscape in the UK has changed forever and we must respond accordingly or face becoming an anachronism.

'Raising the Bar' calls on us all to define our future, not let it be shaped by others. Those universities that thrive in the long run will do so because of the uncompromising actions they take over the coming months, not years.

In this respect I am pleased to report we have made good progress, as evidenced in this publication. We are adapting quickly as an organisation to the changing environment and have, I believe, through the hard work of staff and students,

embarked upon a series of innovations that will set us apart from the pack. The ultimate arbiter of this delicate act will be the market. It will not be forgiving. If all this sounds a bit gloomy we have many reasons to be cheerful:

- We are the UK's No.1 University for 'Value Added' and we recently won the 'East Midlands most enterprising University of the Year Award'
- 2011 saw us become co-sponsor of two new University Technical Colleges due to open next year in Silverstone and Daventry.
- We are working closely with our local authority partners on the development of the largest Enterprise Zone in England as part of wider investments plans for Northampton and we anticipate more exciting announcements will follow soon.

- Social enterprise continues to be a critical and distinctive driver, acting as a uniting theme across the University and allowing us to develop, support and create new innovations in partnership with local and regional communities, and our students.

We continue to make excellent progress on the international scene. One example of our world class expertise is waste management - our experts are working with governments in Africa and Europe to help provide sustainable development solutions.

Going forward we are keen to increase our international presence in Africa and Asia and develop stronger links in North and South America. Our University has the potential to become a truly global player yet rooted firmly in its local community. This is not a contradiction, it is an ambitious statement that reflects well our passion to think big in a world rich with opportunity.

Professor Nick Petford,
PhD, DSc
Vice Chancellor and CEO



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Significant Impacts

In 2011 our students, graduates and academic staff made a significant educational, social and cultural impact, regionally, nationally and internationally.

Nationally recognised brain injury research

Karen Beaulieu, Senior Lecturer, has spent over two decades researching and working with people with brain injuries, and in 2011 she was presented with a research award and funding to continue her work. The Irwin Mitchell Research Award was made in recognition of Karen's commitment to 'restoring life through occupational therapy involvement'.

Northampton team expose radon gas dangers

In 2011 the University's world famous radon research team published its findings into the dangers of the life threatening radon gas. Led by Professor Paul Philips, the team - one of the world's largest

research groups on radon gas - first started focusing their work on abandoned mines 10 years ago when they discovered that amateur archaeologists were emerging from mines suffering the effects of radiation.

Examining the Global Impact of the Olympics

The Northampton Business School hosted a major conference in July 2011 around the global importance of the London Olympics. The conference, providing academics and practitioners with the opportunity to discuss current issues in the burgeoning field of Sports and Leisure Marketing, was designed as a platform for an International Olympics conference to be held at The University in 2012.



Graduate, Bobby White, who studied for a BSc in Sport and Exercise Science became Captain of the British Handball team in 2011, and will represent his country in the 2012 Olympics.



In 2011 we were proud to be recognised as the UK's No 1 University for 'Value Added' in The Guardian University Guide national league tables 2012.

'Value Added' is one of the most important categories for revealing how students succeed academically, demonstrating the quality and effectiveness of our teaching.

Socially Enterprising

Winner

At The University of Northampton we are committed to becoming the UK's number one for Social Enterprise by 2015.

In 2011 we consolidated that aspiration by winning the award for Outstanding Higher Education Institution Supporting Social Entrepreneurship*.



Social enterprises are business ventures that trade primarily to address inequalities within society, improve the environment or simply change the world for the better.

Becoming the University for Social Enterprise meant that from 2011 onwards all of our students have had the opportunity, as part of their degree course, to work in a social enterprise; either one that we have set up, one that we support them to set up or one already operating in the local community.

Some of our social enterprise success stories include;

Coco Careers – a new joint venture with the primary focus to improve undergraduate and graduate employability while delivering commercially aware, productive and industry ready candidates into graduate level jobs.

Tap the Table – set up by graduates, this social enterprise takes theatre workshops into the community. One of the main aims of this business is to provide a diverse range of theatre to communities that have limited access to the arts.



Priyanka Rajdev

BA Business Entrepreneurship & Marketing
Director of Bag in a Bag

Bag in a Bag – students manage this business as shareholding directors, creating case study information relevant to their enterprise assignments and earning an income whilst they are at university.

Events Management - Our very popular and successful Events Management BA programme, run by Northampton Business School, attracts over 100 students a year. The course team has set up a new Events Management business, operating as a social enterprise, with its profits going to provide bursaries and scholarships for future students

1st

for Social
Enterprise
2011

83

business start-ups as
a result of our support.

580

socially enterprising individuals
supported in 2011.

£200k

of investment grants awarded to
people with enterprising ideas on
National Social Enterprise Day.

£880k

worth of volunteering to social enterprises
and charities delivered in 2011.

Key components of our Social Enterprising Scheme

Work placements in social enterprises

All students have the opportunity, as part of their degree course, to take part in work placements with existing or start-up social enterprises, boosting their future employment opportunities.

inSpirE

Launched at the House of Lords in June 2011, inSpirE is a joint initiative between the University, Northamptonshire County Council and the county's voluntary and community sector. It is the first scheme of its kind in the UK and offers a range of volunteering and work placements, as well as access to resources, information and training to support new and growing social enterprises.

Volunteering

In 2011 we delivered £880,000 worth of volunteering to social enterprises and charities.

Social Entrepreneur in Residence

In partnership with the Young Foundation, the University has employed the UK's first higher education Social Entrepreneur in Residence.

Social Enterprise in Action

We have a range of enterprises already in action including; Coco Careers, a social recruitment company. Floom, which produces handmade goods including quilts, bags and laptop sleeves from up-cycled items. HomeworkHub, supporting parents to help their children with schoolwork.

Innovative Investment

In 2011 we continued to make a significant capital investment in our University, developing our status as a modern, vibrant and exciting institution, with state-of-the-art facilities, newly refurbished buildings and innovative learning spaces.

In 2011 The University's Northampton Business School completed its £1.7 million extension and the two-storey business hub now boasts a social networking area complete with high-powered computers, a mock board room and a range of study spaces.

A major £3.8 million expansion and full refurbishment of the School of Education's Sulgrave Building has resulted in a host of new and valuable learning and teaching spaces.

Our School of Health has benefited from new laboratories to increase capacity and improve quality for our Midwifery, Biosciences and Research students and in 2012 work will begin on the expansion of the School of Social Sciences' Fawsley and Naseby buildings following a £1.9 million investment.

At Avenue Campus 2011 saw the continued development of our Students' Union, student radio and dance studios and Maidwell Main Hall was redeveloped to produce an improved space for performing arts.

Sport has benefited from our partnership with Benham Sports Arena and our rugby pitches have recently been upgraded including new flood-lighting.



Library

Our new-look Library on Park Campus is an up-to-the-minute 'Learning Commons'- style library, complete with social spaces, a café and new PCs.

Facts and Figures

Summary financial information

Income and expenditure, year ending 31 July 2011

	2011 £000	2010 £000
INCOME		
Funding Council grants	34,992	33,924
Exceptional funding income	-	581
Academic fees and support grants	46,856	41,613
Research grants and contracts	2,085	1,929
Other income	11,756	12,449
Endowment and investment income	338	190
Total Income	96,027	90,686
EXPENDITURE		
Staff costs	49,097	46,678
Depreciation	4,471	3,750
Other operating expenses	37,290	32,447
Interest payable	1,602	2,146
Total Expenditure	92,460	85,021
Surplus on continuing operations after depreciation of assets at valuation and before taxation	3,567	5,665
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Historical cost surplus, year ending 31 July 2011

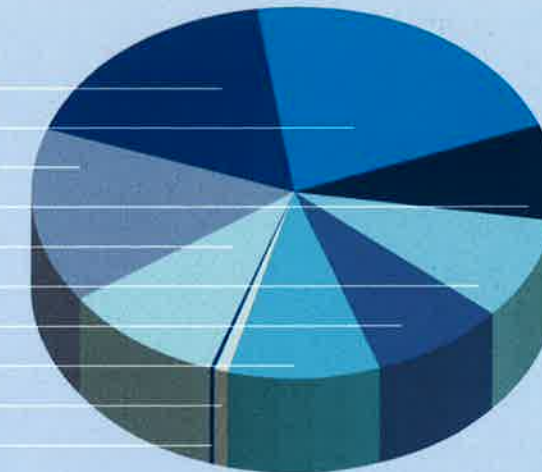
	2011 £000	2010 £000
Surplus after depreciation of assets at valuation and tax	3,567	5,665
Difference between depreciation charge based on an historical cost and revalued basis (as included above)	668	668
Historical cost surplus after tax	4,235	6,333

Total recognised gains, year ending 31 July 2011

	2011 £000	2010 £000
Surplus on continuing operations after depreciation of assets at valuation and tax	3,567	5,665
Actuarial gain in respect of pension scheme	4,961	249
Post service gain in respect of pension scheme	-	3,527
Total recognised gains relating to the period since the last report	8,528	9,441
Reconciliation		
Opening reserves	26,881	17,440
Total recognised gains for the year	8,528	9,441
Closing reserves	35,409	26,881

Distribution of students 2010/11

Health	2,423
NBS	3,037
Education	2,120
Science & Technology	1,163
Arts	1,423
Social Sciences	1,231
Joint Honours	1,202
Partner Colleges	1,325
Research	110
Unassociated courses	25



Mode of attendance

Full-time	10,018
Part-time	4,042



Gender

Female	8,766
Male	5,294



Age

Under 21	4,852
21 and over	9,200



Type of Study

Further Education	307
Undergraduate	11,331
Postgraduate	2,422



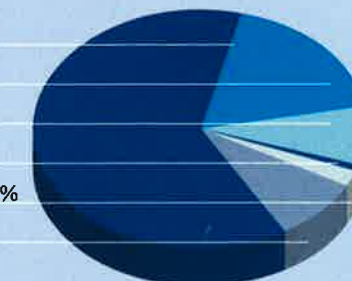
Domicile

Home	11,367
EU	200
Other	1,161



Destination of Leavers from Higher Education - 2009/10

Employed full/part time or doing unpaid voluntary work	62.4%
Work and further study	18.1%
Further study only	7.9%
Other	1.0%
Not available for employment	2.1%
Assumed to be employed	8.5%



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