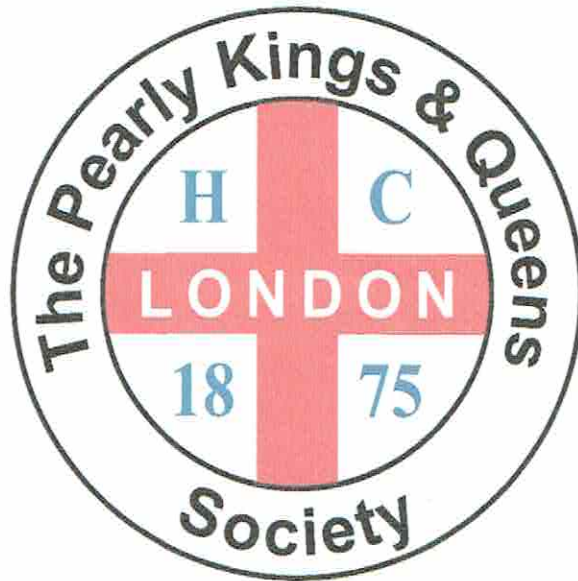


THE LONDON PEARLY KINGS AND QUEENS SOCIETY

Known as

LPK&Qs

CHARITY NO: 1091098



REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

For the year ended
31 March 2024

London Pearly Kings & Queens Society

Trustees' Report for the year ended 31st March 2024

Status:	Charity registration No. 1091098 The Charity's governing document is its Memorandum and Articles of Association incorporated 1 st July 2001
Secretary and Registered Office:	Gwendoline Jones 21 Ashridge Crescent London SE18 AE
Trustees:	Mrs Doreen Golding (chairperson) Ms Gwendoline Jones (secretary) Mrs Kim Bennett (treasurer) Mr Robert Paice Ms Nicola Marshall Mr David Hemsley Mr Darren Walters All existing Trustees were re-elected for the coming year having confirmed they were all happy to stand again. Officer posts remain the same
Independent Examiner:	Julie Boyling 65 Montrose Avenue Blackfen Sidcup DA15 9DT
Bankers:	National Westminster Bank Plc Sydenham Branch SE26 5HA

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees present their Trustee's Annual Report (TAR) together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2024 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Trustees' report and accounts in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently these accounts do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

Our purpose and activities

The Society was established particularly for the benefit of persons in the Greater London Area to relieve poverty and sickness and for such other charitable purposes as the Trustee's, shall from time to time, determine.

Organisation

The board of trustees administers the charity and meets at least twice a year in addition to the monthly meetings of the members. At these meetings there is discussion on financial affairs, administration and any other requirements as outlined by the charity commission.

Trustee induction and training

New trustees undergo an orientation meeting with the Chair and/or senior officer to brief them on: their legal obligations under charity, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision-making processes. An Induction Handbook was produced and adopted in this 23/24 year to aid the induction and help with the charity governance.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- Meeting once a year to review the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity currently faces. The establishment and review of policies, systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the annual review; and
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

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Finance/Funding Strategy

The financial management of the charity is very important to us all and we have great transparency in how and where our funds are allocated. As a charity we are keen to ensure that our mission and objectives are fully met. During the current year, the Trustees undertook their annual review of systems, it was agreed that the procedures remain the same, i.e. operating from a Reserve Account, a Main Account plus a Working Account and reporting on this monthly to members.

Additionally, the LPK&Qs have an income streams from Worldpay, a handset machine used for collections made by card rather than cash, and a PayPal account. As recorded in 22/23 accounts, the recommendation to add at least one additional signatory should be finalised. In December 2023 PH was requested to close the original account.

Reserves Policy

An unrestricted reserves policy is drawn up each year on the appropriate use of accumulated funds. The Treasurer and Trustees examine ways of ensuring that there is appropriate 'contingency' funding to support the committed expenditure costs by producing a budget for the on-coming year. In line with last year's external examiners recommendations we were able to make donations beyond our income and utilised some of the reserve that had been accumulated during lockdown. Please see the summary accounts at the end of this report for full details.

The Future

The LPK&Qs go forward yet again with an uplifted spirit as we welcomed another new member John Dowell as our new Pearly Consort.

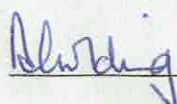
Staffing and Volunteers

There are **no paid** staff in the LPK&Qs charitable society, the society is run and supported exclusively by volunteers. All volunteers undertake tasks at their own expense and as such the Trustees welcome every opportunity to thank this dedicated team of individuals. Our volunteer Pearly Kings, Queens, Princes, Princesses, Prides and Consorts, are wonderful people who go above and beyond any expectation of them. Without this dedication we would have no funds to distribute to charitable causes, we utilise this report to record our gratitude to all of our members. – **Thank you.**

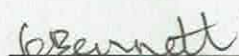
This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011

Approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:

Doreen Golding, Chair



Kim Bennett, Treasurer



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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REVIEW - (TAR) ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

We commenced our volunteering activities with great enthusiasm in 2023. Following the most extraordinary year of ups and downs we commenced a number of engagements involving the coronation of the new King.

- During this period we successfully registered for Gift Aid and as we could go back three years we had a first drawn down of £579.38.
- Our Pearly Consort Gail became Queen of Bexley, a first time Queen for the borough
- As mentioned above we welcomed John Dowell as Pearly Consort
- A new website was set up to reflect the requirements of the Charity Commission and we were supported pro-bono by SME Solutions. SME have supported us in submitting a bid to the Lottery for support with uplifting our website and IT needs.
- A New multi signatory PayPal was set up in the final quarter of the year and it is hoped that we will be issuing a new QR code for literature in the coming year
- Sweeps Festival – A return Rochester for this festival by the Pearlies after many years (thanks to Gail), we are scheduled to appear again in 24/25 and we look forward to reporting on this next year.
- We were delighted to be invited along to the St. George's Day event in Trafalgar Square by City Hall, an event enjoyed by all.
- Last but not least our wonderful Harvest Festival returned, it was a great event after being away due to Covid and very apt as it was our 25th anniversary of the event. We engaged the same format and evaluated the day as a great success after listening to the members of public and dignitaries who attended.

Principles for our work

The charity is administered by a Trustee Board, consisting of elected officers, Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and four other members of the Society's Management Committee and it is their intention to maintain the charity principles in the same vein as our founder Henry Croft who raised funds to primarily support the needy and the sick.

- Collecting
- Events
- Presentations

Collecting

We had not expected it but we found that 2023/24 was just as busy as the year before. At the latter end of the year, thanks to John Dowell we secured a new collecting site in Portobello Road. Over the year we undertook **73** collecting sessions (previous years **50 & 26** respectively). Key venues for collecting were Covent Garden (every third Sunday of the month), Brick Lane (first Sunday in the month) and Polhill by prior appointment. The Greenwich Market sessions did not resume but Gwen has been following up on this.

Events

As mentioned above we were engaged for many Jubilee events the increase was exceptional and is unlikely to be matched for some time. In the period we delivered **63 session** (previous years **56 & 10**), a summary of these events is available on request.

Presentations

Presentations for 2023/24 period were **37** (previous years **29 & 10**), yet again an increase on the previous year.

Miscellaneous fundraising

We had **30** miscellaneous sessions during the period (previous years **10 & 5**).

The trustees wish to record their thanks for the effort and work undertaken by our Pearlies in achieving this amazing body of work, a total of **203 delivery sessions** (previous year **145 & 51**). Total income generated in the period was **£25,674.93 compared to £19,258.15**, an increase on the previous year.

LONDON PEARLY KINGS & QUEENS SOCIETY ANNUAL RETURN FOR 2023/24

As at 31st March 2023

Main Account	2097.56	
Working Account	1582.72	
Reserve Account	20236.04	
Petty Cash	33.46	
		23949.78

Income during year 2023/2024

Collecting/Donations	21973.21		
Boat Trip 23/24	2129.96		
Affiliations	245.00		
WorldPay	821.63		
PayPal (via LPKQ website)	170.74		
Interest	292.94		
Gift Aid (1st Claim)	579.38		
Misc	63.40		
		26276.26	
			50226.04

Expenditure during year 2023/2024

Annual Giving	26046.00	
Insurance	511.99	
Room Rental	500.00	
WorldPay fees	26.95	
Stationery	401.24	
Postage	112.20	
Old Website fees	371.69	
Sundries	870.40	
SME Solutions	664.73	
Harvest Festival	370.00	
		29875.20

ALL FUNDS CARRIED OVER 1st APRIL 2024

20350.84

As at 31st March 2024

		BALANCE
Main account	11170.62	
Outstanding cheques	-1381.50	
Working Account	1042.38	
Reserve Account	9528.98	
Petty Cash	-9.64	
		20350.84

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for the year ended
31st March 2024**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LONDON PEARLY KINGS & QUEENS SOCIETY – Charity No. 1091098

As set out on Page 6

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31st March 2024.

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Dated: 23rd September 2024

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