

THE LONDON PEARLY KINGS AND QUEENS SOCIETY

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CHARITY NO: 1091098



REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

For the year ended
31 March 2025

London Pearly Kings & Queens Society

Trustees' Report for the year ended 31st March 2025

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 resigned August 2024 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 2025 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 and Home Counties, 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 income streams from 1 x Worldpay, 2 x SumUp handset machines which are used for collections made by card rather than cash, and a PayPal account which is actioned by a QR code.

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.

The Future

Following yet another busy and successful year the LPK&Qs were delighted to welcome three new members to our Society, Evie, Evette and Jasmine our new Pearly Consorts. It is so wonderful to know that we are taking positive action to keep this wonderful tradition alive.

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.

It appreciated that each year we have this opportunity to record our thanks and gratitude for all the hard work and dedication of all our members, each and everyone is so important for the continuance of this wonderful tradition. Without this dedication we would have no funds to distribute to charitable causes, to all 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

The Society envisage the engagements in 2024 to slow down having followed the once in a lifetime event of the past two years, we were wrong. Delivering over 200 sessions we were amazed to have increased income!

- **New Consorts** - As mentioned above we welcomed three new Consorts, Evie, Evette and Jasmine, who all bring positive skills and attributes to our society – welcome.
- **Social Media/Public Relations** - Further improvements on our social media were made and Evie generously volunteered to take on the running of our Instagram page. Amongst many 'stories' please seek out the video marking International Women's Day, it is a wonderful collection.
- **New PayPal account and QR Code** - The new QR coded has been incorporated into our leaflets and went live early in 24/25.
- **Card Reader machines** – Having acknowledged the positive impact of our card machine, it was agreed to research the best provider and to purchase two more readers, this is already showing positive outcomes.
- **Portobello Road** – With huge thanks to John D, a collecting opportunity was secured at Portobello Road, this has been great fun with several collecting dates delivered so far.
- **The Sweeps Festival** - mentioned last year was also attended again and this time our members were officially recognised by having a stage presence! Thank you to all the people in Rochester offering their support with donations.
- **Harvest Festival** – this was yet again another success, we had identified a new venue for the reception, The Lord Raglan was an excellent setting for the after-event celebrations. We would also like to thank Gemma, her family and friends for undertaking the whole catering on our behalf, the feedback from the mayors and other dignitaries was extremely positive.
- **Other regular diary events** - The Faversham Hop Festival, Annual Boat Party, Harvest Festival, Mad Hatters Tea Party, and the St. George's Day in Trafalgar Square all took place with great attendance by our members. Please see our website for updates on these events for 25/26.
- **Finally** – We are delighted to report that we achieved charitable status with Microsoft, this will have provided the charity with numerous benefits and access to training events.

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 the Pearly 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 2023/234 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 **68** collecting sessions (previous years **50, 26, 73** 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, Brick Lane sessions have fallen off, the members will be looking strategically at collecting over the coming months.

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 **40 sessions** (previous years **56, 10, 63**), a summary of these events is available on request.

Presentations

Presentations for 2024/25 period were **58** (previous years **29, 10, 37**), a further increase which marks an increase in our work in care homes, and other groups such as Women's Institute (Wis), University of the 3rd Age (U3A) and the Active Retirement Groups (ARAs).

Miscellaneous fundraising

We had **34** miscellaneous sessions during the period (previous years **10, 5, 30**).

Thank you

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 **200 delivery sessions** (previous year **145, 51, 203**). Total income generated in the period was **£35,344.34 compared to £25,674.93** in the previous year. Please note this is inflated due to two years backdated Gift Aid £4410.28. However, taking this into account there is still a substantial increase on funds raised, again we thank all our members in achieving this.

Assisted Collecting

Each year many of our members support other charities by helping to collect funds directly for them. To name a few who were supported in the year:

- Greenwich & Bexley Hospice
- Uniting Friends
- Tate Modern
- Stairway to Heaven

Events for the coming year

Next year will mark 150 of the start of the wonderful Pearly Tradition, the LPKQs Society have several events planned to mark this occasion. We look forward to another fruitful year and sharing our news with you all.

LONDON PEARLY KINGS & QUEENS SOCIETY ANNUAL RETURN FOR 2024/25

As at 31st March 2024

Main Account	11170.62	
Working Account	1042.38	
Reserve Account	9528.98	
Petty Cash	-9.64	
		21732.34

Income during year 2024/2025

Collecting/Donations	27160.39	
Boat Trip 24/25	2046.19	
Affiliations	340.00	
WorldPay/SumUp/PayPal	1049.00	
Interest	318.48	
Gift Aid (for period 22/23 & 23/24)	4410.28	
Misc	20.00	
		35344.34

57076.68

Expenditure during year 2024/2025

Annual Giving	29414.50	
Insurance	392.00	
Room Rental	500.00	
Stationery	694.90	
Postage	98.95	
Sundries	508.50	
SME Solutions	1218.29	
SumUp (new machines x 2)	189.60	
Harvest Festival	1260.00	
Misc	675.00	
		34951.74

ALL FUNDS CARRIED OVER 1st APRIL 2025

22124.94

As at 31st March 2025

		BALANCE
Main account	1854.88	
Outstanding cheques	-300.00	
Working Account	642.13	
Reserve Account	19883.27	
Petty Cash	44.66	
		22124.94

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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 2025.

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 2025

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