

GEORGE GOETCHIUS & DONALD HOWARTH SOCIETY
OF FRIENDS AWARDS
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 08341158
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1154004

REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Our purposes and activities

The purposes of the charity are:

- the advancement of the arts, and social studies, to include, but not be limited to visual art, photographic, performative, literary, dramatic writing, and the study of social change and cultural history relating to homosexuality.
- the advancement of education through encouraging and providing support and facilities for the understanding, appreciation and development of the arts.

The charity's core mission shapes its consideration of grant applications, and the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Achievements and performance

Administratively, the Trust achieved the sale of Little Hatch in 2024. This was a significant development which will reduce costs and free up management time to focus on charitable activities. The renovation of Tynypant was effectively completed. Some storm damage held back the commencement of holiday lets there, but young artists have already started using the space for retreats, starting in November 2024.

2024 was a very busy year for the Trust's main property, 9 Lower Mall, which saw much artistic activity from acting workshops to play rehearsals and fundraising events. A notable dance music producer and DJ enjoyed a short Summer residency on the 1st floor, and we hosted producers of a play based on new writing at the nearby Riverside Studios. The 1st and top floor of 9 Lower Mall were in use by artists in every month of 2024. Work by the Chair including extensive interviews conducted at 9 Lower Mall culminated in the BBC Radio 3 special programme [*A Most Queer House*](#), raising the profile of 9 Lower Mall and the Trust, and providing an invaluable documentary record and oral history of the property.

Financial review

The charity spent c.£46,000, mainly on property maintenance, insurance and council tax. These costs will decrease next year, now that the charity has sold Little Hatch (in line with plans foreseen in last year's accounts). A further bequest of £19,000 was received from the Donald Howarth estate. £6,800 was earned from hiring out space at reduced rates to artists. And a gain of £157,000 was made on the sale of Little Hatch against its book value. This brings our total assets to £3,847,227, including £660,000 in cash which has - at the time of writing - largely been moved to interest-bearing accounts.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

George Goetchius & Donald Howarth Society of Friends Awards is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association 14 December 2012, and amended Objects dated 27 March 2013. It is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission.

Appointment of trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association, the charity may appoint company directors by ordinary resolution. Only a person who is retiring by rotation may be appointed a director at any general meeting, unless they are recommended for re-election by the directors, or a notice of proposal is given not less than seven nor more than thirty-five days prior to a general meeting.

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Directors and advisors

The directors of the charitable company (the charity) are its trustees for the purpose of charity law. The trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees	Sandra Smith Christopher Loscher William Richards Inez Litas
Company Secretary	Alexander Lawrence-Archer
Independent Examiner	Verdant Accountants Limited Chartered Certified Accountants 20-22 Wenlock Road, London N1 7GU
Bankers	The Co-Operative Bank PO Box 250 Skelmersdale Lancashire WN8 6WT

Administrative details

Registered charity name	GEORGE GOETCHIUS & DONALD HOWARTH SOCIETY OF FRIENDS AWARDS
Incorporated (Limited by guarantee)	24 December 2012
Charity registration number	1154004
Company registration number	08341158
Registered Office	9 Lower Mall London W6 9DJ

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES



WILLIAM RICHARDS
4 April 2025

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GEORGE
GOETCHIUS & DONALD HOWARTH SOCIETY OF FRIENDS AWARDS (Company no:
08341158 and Charity no: 1154004)**

I report on the financial statements of the above charity (a company limited by guarantee) for the year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes to the accounts.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). The Charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed. Where the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants.

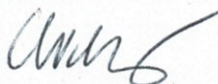
It is my responsibility to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act, follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

- (1) In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:
- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act (2006); or
 - the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
 - the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
 - The accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).
- (2) 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.



Chaweevan Williams FCCA

Date: 4 April 2025

Verdant Accountants Limited, Chartered Certified Accountants, 20-22 Wenlock Road, London N1 7GU

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £		Total Funds 2024 £		Total 2023 £
Income						
Donations & bequests		19,000		19,000		0
Gain on sale of property		157,610		157,610		
Charitable activities & other	3	6,920		6,920		5813
Total income		183,530		183,530		5,813
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	4	47,796		47,796		176,428
Total expenditure		47,796		47,796		176,428
Net movement in funds		135,734		135,734		(170,616)
Reconciliation of funds		-		-		-
Total funds brought forward		3,709,693		3,709,693		3,880,309
Net movement in funds		135,734		135,734		(170,616)
Total funds carried forward		3,845,427		3,845,427		3,709,693

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All funds in 2024 were unrestricted. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on page 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Notes	31 Dec 2024 £		31 Dec 2023 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets		7	3,185,000		3685,000
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand			662,227		24,693
Debtors			-		0
			662,227		24,693
Creditors (falling due within one year)			1800		0
Net current assets			660,427		24,693
Total net assets			3,845,427		3,709,693
Charity funds					
Restricted Funds			-		-
Unrestricted			3,845,427		3,709,693
Total funds			3,845,427		3,709,693

For the year ending 31 December 2024 the company was entitled to the exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees/directors on 4 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



William Richards, Trustee

The notes from page 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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1 General information

George Goetchius & Donald Howarth Society of Friends Awards is a registered charity with the Charity Commission for England & Wales (charity number: 1154004) and a private company limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales (company number: 08341158). The registered office address is 9 Lower Mall, London, W6 9DJ.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

George Goetchius & Donald Howarth Society of Friends Awards meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

No depreciation is charged on freehold land and buildings. Where buildings are maintained to such a standard that their estimated residual value is not less than their cost or valuation, no depreciation is charged, as it is not material.

Freehold land and buildings – depreciation not provided.

2.5 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.7 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities 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.

2.8 Financial instruments

The Company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.9 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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3 Charitable activities & other

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Charitable activities	6,770	6,770	5210
Other	150	150	603
Total	6,920	6,920	5813

4 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Professional fees			1,206
Administrative fees	853	853	13
Events			0
Property maintenance	18,777	18,777	6,196
Property renovation			150,714
Utilities	4,105	4,105	2,965
Council Tax	5,279	5,279	6,492
Insurance	16,206	16,206	6,957
Sundry expenses	776	776	1,884
Independent examination/audit fee	1800	1800	0
Grants			0
Total	47,796	47,796	176,429

5 Auditors' independent examination fee

	2024 £	<i>2023 £</i>
Independent examination fee	1800	-
Auditors' fee	-	-
Total	1800	-

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6 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 December 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - NIL).

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £
Cost or valuation	-
Balance brought forward 1 January 2024	3,685,000
Disposal - Little Hatch	500,000
<i>At 31 December 2024</i>	3,185,000
Net book value	
At 31 December 2024	3,185,000
At 31 December 2023	3,685,000

8 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due within one year		
Other debtors	0	0
Prepayments	0	0
Adjustments for 2021	0	0
Total	0	0

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	1800	0

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10 Summary of funds (current year)

	Balance 1 Jan 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Adjustments Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 Dec 2024 £
General funds	3,709,693	183,530	(47,796)	0	3,845,427
Total	3,709,693	183,530	(47,796)	0	3,845,427

Summary of funds (prior year)

	Balance 1 Jan 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Adjustments Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 Dec 2023 £
General funds	3,880,308	5,813	(176,428)	0	3,709,693
Total	3,880,308	5,813	(176,428)	0	3,709,693

11 Analysis of net assets between funds (current year)

				Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets				3,185,000	3,185,000
Current assets				662,227	662,227
Creditors due within one year				(1800)	(1800)
Total				3,845,427	3,845,427

Analysis of net assets between funds (prior year)

				Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets				3,685,000	3,685,000
Current assets				24,693	24,693
Creditors due within one year				0	0
Total				3,709,693	3,709,693