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**The Theosophical Society in England and Wales
Charitable Company limited by guarantee**

Financial statements

30 September 2024



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Directors and other Information

Directors/Trustees

J. Baker
E. Crofts
E. McGough
N. Crofts
P. El-Hosaini
D. Scothern
R. Barker Appointed 11th April 2024
A. Swaffield Appointed 11th April 2024
S. Johnson Appointed 27th April 2024

Secretary

E. Crofts

Charity number

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Company number

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Registered office

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Directors' & Trustees' report Year ended 30 September 2024

The Directors (who are also trustees of the charity for the purposes of the Charities Act) present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of The Theosophical Society in England and Wales for the year ended 30 September 2024. The Directors confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the company comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Charities SORP 2019 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 October 2019).

Directors/Trustees

The directors/trustees who served the company during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

J. Baker	
E. Crofts	
N. Hart	Resigned 29 April 2024
E. McGough	
P. Brierley	Resigned 15 May 2024
N. Crofts	
P. El-Hosaini	
D. Scothern	
R. Barker	Appointed 11th April 2024
A. Swaffield	Appointed 11th April 2024
S. Johnson	Appointed 27th April 2024

Objectives

The objects of the Society are for the public benefit to promote moral and spiritual welfare, and the advancement of education, through the promotion and study of Theosophy, and the dissemination of the results of such study to the public.

To further its Charitable Objects the English Society may:

- provide and assist in the provision of money, materials or other help.
- organise and assist in the provision of conferences, courses of instruction, exhibitions, lectures and other educational activities.
- publish and distribute instructional and other materials on any medium.
- promote, encourage, carry out or commission research, surveys, studies or other work, making the relevant results available.
- provide or procure the provision of counselling and guidance.
- provide or procure the provision of advice.

• alone or with other organisations seek to influence public opinion and make representations to and seek to influence governmental and other bodies and institutions regarding the reform, development and implementation of appropriate policies, legislation and regulations provided that all such activities shall be confined to those which an English and Welsh charity may properly undertake.

Principles

The Society, while reserving for each member full freedom to interpret those teachings known as Theosophy, is dedicated to preserving and realising the Ageless Wisdom, which embodies both a world view and a vision of human self-transformation.

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The Theosophical Tradition is founded upon certain fundamental propositions which include:

- Recognition of the unique value of every living being, expresses itself in reverence for life, compassion for all, sympathy with the need of individuals to find truth for themselves, and respect for every religious tradition. The ways in which these ideals become realities in individual life are both the privileged choice and the responsibility of every human being.
- Central to the concerns of Theosophy is the desire to promote understanding and fellowship among people of all races, nationalities, philosophies, and religions. Therefore, all people, whatever their religious affiliations or gender, are invited to participate equally in the life and work of the Society. The Theosophical Society imposes no dogmas, but points toward the source of unity beyond all differences. Devotion to Truth, love for all living beings, and a commitment to a life of active altruism are the marks of a true Theosophist.

Summary of Activities

The Society's activities include the holding of lectures, seminars and study groups as well as residential summer schools, and conferences. The London Headquarters presents regular online lectures on Sunday evenings and promotes and supports similar events at its lodges and centres. The annual summer school is open to the public and members alike as are some individual Lodge meetings that are not for private study. Where possible, lectures are recorded for the benefit of those unable to attend. In addition, the Society runs two web-based learning courses, a Foundation Diploma and a Higher Diploma in Theosophy which are designed to assist students' understanding of the basic principles of Theosophy. These are provided by flexible online learning, ongoing tutorial support and an end of year optional examination.

In promotion of its charitable objects, the Society publishes quarterly, a quality magazine, called Esoterica, which has a wide circulation through a subscribers' mailing list and is available at public outlets throughout the country. The Charity's website promotes its objects, events and activities and aids the study of Theosophy through articles, videos, and appropriate links to other relevant sources. It is active on social media with well attended Facebook and YouTube sites.

Governance

The Society is a registered charity governed by its Articles of Association. Trustees and National Officers are selected and appointed by the provisions of the Articles and Byelaws and are subject to election by a national council. The national council consists of councillors elected by the Society's membership and who are the Company Law members. The charity is managed by its Board of Trustees and National Officers. Trustees and Officers have received Trustees' training on the duties and responsibilities of Trustees and the requirements of charity commission guidance and charity law, and a Trustees and Directors Handbook has been provided.

Funding and Financial Review

The Society has a fund balance of £9,339,685. Assets are held for the fulfilment of the Society's charitable objectives and have been sourced through donations, legacies and a previous transfer of assets from The Theosophical Society Unincorporated Association and related entities. The Charity is in its seventh year of operation and is undertaking an ongoing review of its financial processes, future planning, and reserves, and external consultants have been appointed to assist with this process. Directors have no concerns about the continuation of the Charity.

Directors/trustees responsibilities statement

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 the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). 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 company and the profit or loss of the company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; and
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- observe the methods and principles in the charities SORP; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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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 also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of disclosure to auditor

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all 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.

Auditor

The company's auditor, Mercer & Hole LLP, was deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of The Companies Act 2006.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small company's exemption.

This report was approved by the board of directors on 01/04/2025 and signed on behalf of the board by:

Jenny Baker

J Baker
Director

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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Theosophical Society in England and Wales (the Charitable company) for the year ended 30 September 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 30 September 2024 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 United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; 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 the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our 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.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated, if we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relations to which the Companies Act 2006 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and the returns; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' 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 prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for 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 the directors either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the charity and industry in which it operates and considered the risk of acts by the charity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud. These included, but were not limited to, the Companies Act 2006, Charities Act 2011 and Charities SORP (FRS 102).

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements and the financial report (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate entries including journals to overstate revenue or understate expenditure, and management bias in accounting estimates.

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Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- discussions with management, including considerations of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- evaluation of the operating effectiveness of management's controls designed to prevent and detect irregularities;
- identifying and testing journal entries.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of the auditor's report.

Use of our Report

This 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.



Andrew Dean ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
Mercer & Hole LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
21 Lombard Street
London
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Date: 8th April 2025

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Statement of financial activities
Year ended 30 September 2024

		Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total 2024	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total 2023
	No te						
<u>Income and endowment from:</u>							
Donations and legacies	6	101,185	-	101,185	5,420	11,000	16,420
Investment Activities	7	238,674	-	238,674	241,294	-	241,294
Other income	8	35,583	-	35,583	32,973	-	32,973
		<u>375,442</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>375,442</u>	<u>279,687</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>290,687</u>
<u>Expenditure on:</u>							
Staff costs	9	(114,727)	-	(114,727)	(118,388)	-	(118,388)
Other expenditure	10	(295,771)	-	(295,771)	(260,020)	(6,000)	(266,020)
		<u>(410,498)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(410,498)</u>	<u>(378,408)</u>	<u>(6,000)</u>	<u>(384,408)</u>
Net gains on investments	16	317,121	-	317,121	83,759	-	83,759
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources		<u>282,065</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>282,065</u>	<u>(14,962)</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>(9,962)</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>282,065</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>282,065</u>	<u>(14,962)</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>(9,962)</u>
Fund balance at 1 October 2023		9,052,620	5,000	9,057,620	9,067,582	-	9,067,582
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balance at 30 September 2024	24	<u>9,334,685</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>9,339,685</u>	<u>9,052,620</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>9,057,620</u>

All the activities of the company are from continuing operations.

There were no restricted funds received in the current year.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The Statement of Financial Activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 11 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of financial position
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	Note	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	13	10,794		12,542	
Tangible assets	14	2,974,636		2,977,251	
Investment properties	15	2,225,000		2,225,000	
Investments	16	<u>3,998,722</u>		<u>3,846,689</u>	
			9,209,152		9,061,482
Current assets					
Stocks		17,525		18,690	
Debtors	17	47,732		4,801	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>148,684</u>		<u>34,193</u>	
		213,941		57,684	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>(83,408)</u>		<u>(61,546)</u>	
Net current assets			130,533		(3,862)
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>9,339,685</u>		<u>9,057,620</u>
Net Assets			<u>9,339,685</u>		<u>9,057,620</u>
Funds					
Restricted funds			5,000		5,000
Unrestricted funds			<u>9,334,685</u>		<u>9,052,620</u>
Total funds	23		<u>9,339,685</u>		<u>9,057,620</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies' subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on **01/04/2025** and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Jenny Baker

J Baker
Director

Company registration number: 09705732

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Statement of cash flows
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	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by) operations	22		(16,803)		(197,889)
Investing activities					
Purchase of intangible assets		-		-	
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-		(1,788)	
Proceeds on disposal of other investments		-		-	
Investment income received		131,294		122,377	
Net cash generated from investing activities			131,294		120,589
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			114,491		(77,300)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			34,193		111,493
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			148,684		34,193

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Notes to the financial statements
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1. General information

The charitable company is limited by guarantee and registered in England. The address of the registered office is 50 Gloucester Place, London, W1U 8EA.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the provisions of FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charitable company's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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 as amended for accounting periods commencing 1 October 2019). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity, rounded to the nearest £.

Fund accounting – unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Fund accounting – restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors and grant awarding bodies.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost and are subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses

Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in capital and reserves, except to the extent it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised in profit or loss. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation is recognised in other comprehensive income to the extent of any previously recognised revaluation increase accumulated in capital and reserves in respect of that asset. Where a revaluation decrease exceeds the accumulated revaluation, gains accumulated in capital and reserves in respect of that asset, the excess shall be recognised in profit or loss.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	- No depreciation provided, residual value is at least fair value
Fixtures, fittings & equipment	- 25% straight line

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If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in depreciation rate, useful life or residual value of tangible assets, the depreciation is revised prospectively to reflect the new estimates.

Heritage assets

A heritage asset is an asset with historic, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that is held and maintained principally for its contribution to knowledge and culture.

The charity has a collection of heritage assets which are held in support of the charity's primary objects, which are:

1. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of humanity without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.
2. To encourage the study of comparative religion, philosophy and science.
3. To investigate unexplained laws of nature and the powers latent in man.

Heritage assets are recognised and measured in accordance with the tangible assets accounting policy noted above.

Where heritage assets are recently purchased, information on the cost or value of the asset will be available and these assets are recognised in accordance with the tangible assets policy. Where this information is not available, and cannot be obtained at a cost which is commensurate with the benefits to the charity and its objects, the assets are not recognised in the statement of financial position.

Heritage assets (preservation costs)

Expenditure which, in the Trustees' view, is required to preserve or clearly prevent further deterioration of individual books is recognised in the Income and Expenditure account when it is incurred.

Intangible assets other than goodwill

Intangible assets acquired separately from a business are recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Trademarks - 10% straight line

Investment properties

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost, which includes the purchase cost and any directly attributable expenditure. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. The surplus or deficit on revaluation is recognised in profit or loss.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are initially recorded at cost and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. Listed investments are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value being recognised in profit or loss.

Impairment

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

When it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

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Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition.

Financial Instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument. Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary shares or preference shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in profit or loss, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship. Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss immediately.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised in profit or loss immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

Taxation

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 Of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

Going concern

The Trustees have, at the time of approving the financial statements, a reasonable expectation that the charitable company will have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The going concern basis of accounting has therefore been adopted in preparing the financial statements.

The Trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements and are satisfied that the charitable company's forecasts show that it will continue in operation and meet its liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future and at a minimum for 12 months from the date of signing the financial statements.

The Trustees have therefore continued to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the charitable company's financial statements.

4. Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

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The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are as follows.

Investment property valuation

Investment property, which is property held to earn rentals and/or for capital appreciation, is initially recognised at cost. Subsequently it is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. This fair value is estimated by the directors based on prevailing fair values for similar properties. Periodically professional valuations are undertaken to ensure the accuracy of these estimates.

Tangible fixed asset valuation

Freehold property is initially recognised at cost and subsequently is measured at fair value at the reporting end date. This fair value is estimated by the directors based on prevailing fair values for similar properties. Periodically professional valuations are undertaken to ensure the accuracy of these estimates.

5. Limited by guarantee

The company is a private company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of winding up the members' liability is restricted to £1.

6. Income from donations and legacies

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	4,507	14,920
Legacies	96,678	1,500
	<u>101,185</u>	<u>16,420</u>

Income from donations and legacies was £101,185 (2023 - £16,420) of which £nil (2023 - £11,000) was attributable to restricted and £101,185 (2023 - £5,420) was attributable to unrestricted funds.

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7. Income from investments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Dividends	131,294	122,377
Rental income	107,380	118,917
	<u>238,674</u>	<u>241,294</u>

All investment income was unrestricted (2023 – unrestricted).

8. Other income

	2024	2023
	£	£
Members subscriptions	9,900	11,002
Courses, conferences and events	12,539	15,267
Books & DVD sales	(196)	2,642
Other	13,340	4,062
	<u>35,583</u>	<u>32,973</u>

All other income received was unrestricted (2023- unrestricted).

9. Staff costs

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year amounted to 4 (2023: 5).

The aggregate payroll costs incurred during the year were:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	114,727	118,388

No employee received total employee benefits of more than £60,000.

10. Allocation of other costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Establishment costs	48,263	48,404
Administrative costs	118,246	78,200
Other expenses	83,751	65,983
Exceptional items	45,511	73,433
	<u>295,771</u>	<u>266,020</u>

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11. Auditor's remuneration

Net movement in funds is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>10,920</u>	<u>12,480</u>

12. Investment management costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Investment manager fees	<u>11,855</u>	<u>10,977</u>

All of the above costs were attributable to unrestricted funds.

13. Intangible Assets

	Trademarks £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 October 2023	17,482	17,482
Additions	-	-
At 30 September 2024	<u>17,482</u>	<u>17,482</u>
Amortisation		
At 1 October 2023	4,940	4,940
Charge for the year	1,748	1,748
At 30 September 2024	<u>6,688</u>	<u>6,688</u>
Carrying amount		
At 30 September 2024	<u>10,794</u>	<u>10,794</u>
At 1 October 2023	<u>12,542</u>	<u>12,542</u>

14. Tangible Assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Total £
Fair Value/Cost			
At 1 October 2023	2,970,000	38,432	3,008,432
Revaluation	-	-	-
At 31 September 2024	<u>2,970,000</u>	<u>38,432</u>	<u>3,008,432</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 October 2023	-	31,181	31,181
Charge for the year	-	2,615	2,615
At 30 September 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>33,796</u>	<u>33,796</u>
Carrying amount			
At 30 September 2024	<u>2,970,000</u>	<u>4,636</u>	<u>2,974,636</u>
At 1 October 2023	<u>2,970,000</u>	<u>7,251</u>	<u>2,977,251</u>

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14. Tangible Assets (continued)

The freehold property was valued by White Druce & Brown Property Consultants in September 2022, in accordance with the relevant sections and standards contained within the current edition of the RICS Valuation - Global Standards 2022, incorporating the International Valuation Standards Global and the UK (the "Red Book").

Tangible fixed assets – heritage assets

The charity has a collection of circa 4,300 books that have been accumulated over the last 150 years. The subject matter of the books covers areas that are of contemporary interest such as theosophy, psychology, freemasonry and the occult, some ranging as far back as the 16th century. The origin of the book collection varies. Some of the books are writings of leading exponents of theosophical thought, which have been passed down through the years, whilst a considerable number have been gifted, donated or bequeathed to the charity from the personal libraries and book collections of members. The vast majority of the books held were acquired in the 18th to 19th centuries.

In the view of the Trustees the collection meets the recognition criteria of heritage assets, and are held in support of the charity's primary objects as set out in the accounting policies. The Trustees have entrusted the collection of books to the care of an educational foundation, LightEn Education Network, for storage, where they are preserved in a climate-controlled environment to preserve them. The book collection remains the property of the charity, but at any time all the books within the collection are on display and access is permitted to scholars and others for reference, research and education research purposes.

The collection includes some rare books which, in the opinion of the Trustees, are of particular significance. Some of the books are in poor condition but are of great rarity.

The Trustees do not consider that reliable cost or valuation information can be obtained for the vast majority of items held in the book collection. This is because of the diverse nature of the books held, the number of books in the collection and the lack of comparable market values. The charity therefore does not recognise these assets on the statement of financial position, other than recent acquisitions where cost can be reliably established

15. Investment Properties

	£
Fair Value	
At 1 October 2023	2,225,000
Net gains or losses through fair value adjustments	-
At 30 September 2024	<u>2,225,000</u>

The investment property was valued by White Druce & Brown Property Consultants in September 2022, in accordance with the relevant sections and standards contained within the current edition of the RICS Valuation - Global Standards 2022, incorporating the International Valuation Standards Global and the UK (the "Red Book").

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16. Fixed Asset Investments

	Listed investments £	Other investments £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 October 2023	3,846,589	100	3,846,689
Disposals/Transfer	(165,000)	(88)	(165,088)
Valuation changes	317,121	-	317,121
At 30 September 2024	3,998,710	12	3,998,722
Carrying amount			
At 30 September 2024	3,998,710	12	3,998,722
At 1 October 2023	3,846,589	100	3,846,689

Other investments relate to a 100% investment in a dormant subsidiary.

Name of undertaking: The Theosophical Publishing House Limited
Registered office: 50 Gloucester Place, London, W1U 8EA

Other investments also relate to a 100% investment in a dormant subsidiary with no shares.

Name of undertaking: The English Theosophical Trust Limited
Registered office: 50 Gloucester Place, London, W1U 8EA

17. Debtors: amounts falling due within one-year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	24,422	-
Other debtors	108	2,287
Prepayments and accrued income	2,322	2,514
VAT	20,880	-
	47,732	4,801

18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one-year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	18,613	3,457
Other creditors	13,616	24,251
Accruals and deferred income	50,811	33,838
Payroll control	368	-
	83,408	61,546

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19. Trustees Remuneration & Expenses

Three of the Trustees were paid £56,077 in total for specialist management services. In the prior year the equivalent costs were £48,000 in total.

During the year, Trustees were reimbursed £896 (2023: £1,697) in respect of expenses incurred on their behalf.

20. Operating lease commitments – lessor

At the reporting end date there were contracted leases in place with tenants for the following minimum lease payments:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	120,000	27,000
Between two and five years	640,000	-
More than five years	720,000	-
	<u>1,480,000</u>	<u>27,000</u>

21. Events after the reporting date

No events after the reporting date have been identified.

22. Cash generated from operations

	2024	2023
	£	£
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	282,065	(9,962)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(131,294)	(122,377)
Fair value gains on investments	(317,121)	(83,759)
Investment disposals	165,000	-
Write off of investment	88	-
Depreciation and amortisation of fixed assets	4,363	8,651
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease in stocks	1,165	1,224
(Increase) /Decrease in debtors	(42,931)	11,884
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	<u>21,862</u>	<u>(3,550)</u>
Cash absorbed by operations	<u>(16,803)</u>	<u>(197,889)</u>

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23. Accumulated funds

Analysis of movement in funds - current year:

	Balance at 01/10/23 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance at 30/09/24 £
Unrestricted funds	9,052,620	692,563	(410,498)	-	9,334,685
Restricted funds					
IT Equipment	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Library					
Digitisation	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	9,057,620	692,563	(410,498)	-	9,339,685

Analysis of movement in funds - prior year:

	Balance at 01/10/22 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance at 30/09/23 £
Unrestricted funds	9,067,582	363,446	(378,408)	-	9,052,620
Restricted funds	-	11,000	(6,000)	-	5,000
Total funds	9,067,582	374,446	(384,408)	-	9,057,620

24. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fund balances as at 30 September 2024 represented by:			
Fixed assets	9,209,152	-	9,209,152
Current assets/(liabilities)	125,533	5,000	130,533
	9,334,685	5,000	9,339,685

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fund balances as at 30 September 2023 represented by:			
Fixed assets	9,061,482	-	9,061,482
Current assets/(liabilities)	(8,862)	5,000	(3,862)
	9,052,620	5,000	9,057,620