



The Wilberforce Society

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Registered Charity No: 1169450

Annual Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 August 2025

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The Wilberforce Society (“**TWS**”) is a registered charity, governed by its Trustees. The Trustees hereby submit TWS’s Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Trustees

George Bangham (Chair)

Jemima Baar

Michael Campbell

Nicholas Crawford

Moni Owoade

George Stokes

Trustees’ Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and Accounts in accordance with applicable charity law. The trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed and satisfied themselves that appropriate procedures are in place to manage those risks.

Objects

The governing instrument is the Constitution, which came into effect in July 2015. The object of The Wilberforce Society is to advance the education of students and of the public more generally for the public benefit, in particular but not exclusively by:

- 1) promoting the discussion, the consideration of, and research into matters of public life or importance;
- 2) publishing results of research and discussion on matters of public life or importance;
- 3) hosting educational events including, but not limited to, conferences and lectures on topics of public life or importance; and
- 4) providing opportunities to encourage the exchange of ideas.

The Trustees have given consideration to the Charity Commission’s public benefit guidance and are satisfied that each of the activities detailed in this Annual Report and Accounts meet the public benefit requirement in advancing the education of students and of the public at large.

Trustees’ Report

The Society had a successful year in 2024-25, under the leadership of Eliška Hauferova and Rafael Karapetian as successive Executive Chairs. A well-attended annual conference was held at the Cambridge Union in March 2025, and substantial policy papers written on 4 main topics: the UK’s trade relationship with the EU; behavioural economics in policymaking; government debt sustainability; and UK labour market flexibility. TWS’s Digital Journal has also seen substantial growth, with 28 articles written throughout the year, including 17 in collaboration with the Oxford Diplomatic Dispatch and 2 with the Telos Group. In total, more than 60 Cambridge students have applied to write for TWS over the past year. Alongside this, TWS has significantly grown The Policy Podcast, recording 28 episodes. Guests this year have included Lord Wilson of Dinton, Sir Desmond Swayne MP, Baroness Finlay of Llandaff, Professor Manfred Kets de Vries, and many more academics, politicians and others.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

THE WILBERFORCE SOCIETY

No (if any)

1169450

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from

Period start date

Sep-24

To

Period end date

Aug-25

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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Paypal Memberships	-	-	-	-	-
Manual Memberships	761	-	-	761	819
Event Income	825	-	-	825	644
CUDAR (alumni) donations	206	-	-	206	206
Misc	-	-	-	-	-
Branded Clothing Payments	36	-	-	36	240
Grants	-	-	-	-	2,713
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	1,828	-	-	1,828	4,622
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,828	-	-	1,828	4,622
A3 Payments					
Speaker Costs	500	-	-	500	110
Subscriptions (Mailchimp, Wix etc.)	780	-	-	780	501
Entertainment	733	-	-	733	-
Branded Clothing Payments	236	-	-	236	383
Publicity	-	-	-	-	-
Event Refund	-	-	-	-	1,421
Misc	-	-	-	-	-
Admin (SumUp)	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,247	-	-	2,247	2,415
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Purchase of Fixed Asset	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,247	-	-	2,247	2,415
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 419	-	-	- 419	2,207
A5 Transfers between funds					
	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,065	-	-	11,065	8,856
Cash funds this year end	10,646	-	-	10,646	11,063

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account Balance	10,615	-	-
	PayPal Balance	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,615	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details		Fund to which asset belongs		Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
					-	-
	Details		Fund to which liability relates		Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees						Date of approval
	Signature			Print Name		
	George Bangham			George Bangham		6/6/2026