

THE KEW SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1173016

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-05-12

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (I) TO PROMOTE HIGH STANDARDS OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE IN OR AFFECTING THE AREA OF BENEFIT.(II) TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC IN THE GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, NATURAL HISTORY, ARCHITECTURE AND ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT.(III) TO SECURE THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVEMENT AND ENHANCEMENT OF FEATURES OF BEAUTY OR HISTORIC OR PUBLIC INTEREST IN OR AFFECTING THE AREA OF BENEFIT.(IV) TO EXTEND AND PRESERVE THE PUBLIC AMENITIES IN OR AFFECTING THE AREA OF BENEFIT.(V) TO OR FOR SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL DECIDE.

Activities: For Kew and adjacent areas, to-promote high standards of planning and architecture-educate the public in the geography, history, natural history, architecture and archaeology-secure the preservation, protection, development, improvement and enhancement of features of beauty or historic or public interest or public amenities-or for such other charitable purposes as the trustees shall decide

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Richmond Upon Thames

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£12,481	£22,065	-	-
2024-07-31	£11,439	£11,584	-	-
2023-07-31	£10,206	£10,003	-	-
2022-07-31	£12,117	£11,678	-	-
2021-07-31	£7,984	£5,085	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Bettina Kaemmerer		2024-11-16
Shiona Williams		2021-10-20
Stephen Williams		2022-10-25
Trevor Ian Whittaker		2024-11-16

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UNAUDITED
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY AND ITS TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

Trustees	J Clark S Clarke (appointed 16 October 2024) M Done (resigned 16 October 2024) R Hayes (resigned 30 April 2025) B Kaemmerer (appointed 16 October 2024) D Ormond J Ricketts (resigned 16 October 2024) T Whittaker (appointed 16 October 2024) SA Williams SP Williams
Charity Registered Number	1173016
Officers	
Chair	SA Williams
Vice-chair	T Whittaker
Secretary	D Ormond
Treasurer	SP Williams
Registered Office	90 Forest Road Kew Richmond TW9 3BZ
Independent Examiner	Claire Satow 4 The Avenue Richmond Surrey TW9 2AJ
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc 9 George Street Richmond TW9 1JU

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

The Trustees present their annual report for The Kew Society ("The Charity") together with the financial statements for the period 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025. The Trustees confirm that the annual report and the financial statements of the comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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) as revised in March 2018.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The general objective of the Charity is to maintain and enhance the area of Kew and the area immediately adjacent.

The Trustees have given due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in accordance with section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

A review of the activities of the charity is available separately.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and is therefore governed by its Constitution. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation was incorporated and registered as a charity on 12 May 2017 (registered number 1173016).

The Charity's affairs are conducted by the Trustees who meet regularly and have the power to appoint new Trustees at their discretion. New Trustees appointed in this way must put themselves forward for reappointment at the next Annual General Meeting of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Trustees are required to familiarise themselves with the guidance provided to Trustees by the Charity Commission but the charity does not have any formal programme for the induction and training of new Trustees.

RISK FACTORS

The Trustees have carried out a risk assessment and continue to monitor this.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Incoming resources during the year amounted to £12,481 (2024: £11,439). Resources expended on charitable activities in the year totalled £22,065 (2024: £11,584). There was a net deficit for the year of £9,584 (2024: net deficit £145).

The Trustees have reviewed the Charity's need for reserves in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Unrestricted funds are needed to provide funds which can be designated to specific projects to enable these projects to be undertaken and to cover administration and support costs without which the charity could not function. The Trustees consider it prudent that unrestricted reserves should be sufficient to cover a minimum of one year's administration and support costs and to ensure that sufficient funds are maintained to enable the Trustees to fund known future commitments. The level of reserves are monitored and reviewed by the Trustees on an annual basis.

Restricted funds represent amounts that have been set aside so as to be able to engage professional advice on planning matters in a timely manner as well as an amount to support the Charity's work in support of improving safe mobility within Kew.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The plan of the Charity is to continue to maintain and enhance the area of Kew and the area immediately adjacent.

The charity expects further income in the following years to meet the costs of meeting its obligations as a charity.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions, and to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity.

They are also responsible for ensuring that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, and the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The trustees must prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities and position. In preparing these statements, the trustees must:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates;
- Prepare the statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue.

The trustees are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities. They must also ensure that the charity's activities are carried out in accordance with its governing document and all relevant laws and regulations.

This statement was approved by the Trustees on 12 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



S P Williams
Trustee

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE KEW SOCIETY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

I report on my examination of the accounts of The Kew Society for the year ended 31 July 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012.

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a member of ICAEW

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general 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 issued 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 give a "true and fair view." Instead, this report is limited to those specific matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matters have come to my attention:

1. which give me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act;have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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12 September 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating Income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

	Note	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
INCOME FROM					
Membership subscriptions and donations	2		7,489	7,489	7,271
Other income	3	462	4,530	4,992	4,168
TOTAL INCOME		462	12,019	12,481	11,439
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4	-	22,065	22,065	11,584
Governance costs	5	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		-	22,065	22,065	11,584
NET INCOME BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		462	(10,046)	(9,584)	(145)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		462	(10,046)	(9,584)	(145)
Total funds brought forward		15,000	17,703	32,703	32,848
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		15,462	7,657	23,119	32,703

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 JULY 2025**

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepayments	7	1,502	1,497
Stock of postage stamps		329	366
Cash at bank and in hand		22,335	31,837
		24,166	33,700
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	(977)	(881)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		23,189	32,819
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	9	(70)	(116)
NET ASSETS		23,119	32,703
CHARITY FUNDS			
Restricted funds	10	15,462	15,000
Unrestricted funds	10	7,657	17,703
TOTAL FUNDS		23,119	32,703

The Trustees consider that the charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the charity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 27 September 2024 and signed on their behalf, by:


S P Williams
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (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). The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and under the historical cost convention,

The Kew Society 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.

1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, which assumes that the charity will continue its operations for the foreseeable future. The trustees have assessed the charity's ability to continue as a going concern and have concluded that there are no material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.3 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 charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are available only for the purposes for which they have been created.

1.4 Income

Income from membership subscriptions and donations is included in the statement of financial activities when these are receivable, except as follows:

When members and donors specify that fees and donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.

When donors impose conditions, which have to be fulfilled before the Trustees become entitled to use such income, the income is deferred and not included in incoming resources until the pre-conditions for use have been met.

All other incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities and governance costs are accounted for on an accruals basis.

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1.6 Taxation

No provision for taxation is included in the accounts as the Charity is entitled to exemption from tax.

1.7 Financial instruments

The Charity 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.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Membership subscriptions	-	7,458	7,458	6,680
Donations	-	31	31	591
Total	-	7,489	7,489	7,271

3. OTHER INCOME

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Gift Aid	-	1,361	1,361	1,365
Surplus on events	462	1,830	2,292	2,030
Interest		1,339	1,339	773
Total	462	4,530	4,992	4,168

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4. EXPENDITURE BY CHARITABLE ACTIVITY

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations		1,463	1,463	1,694
Membership subscriptions		135	135	185
Printing and stationary		2,033	2,033	1,173
Society unfunded events		620	620	1,108
Gardening		1,135	1,135	1,354
Postage		967	967	570
Insurance		157	157	147
Website and digital		13,726	13,726	4,370
Circular Walk		-	-	-
Bank charges		46	46	23
Sundry		1,783	1,783	960
Total	-	22,065	22,065	11,584

5. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Fees of independent Examiner	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration from the Charity during the year.

There were no employees during the year.

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7. DEBTORS

	2025 £	2024 £
Gift Aid		
Other debtors and prepayments	1,340	1,340
	162	157
Total	1,502	1,497

8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Subscriptions paid in advance		
Other creditors	46	138
	931	743
Total	977	881

9. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Subscriptions paid in advance		
	70	116
Total	70	116

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10. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Brought forward	15,000	17,703	32,703	32,848
Surplus/(Loss) for the year	462	(10,046)	(9,584)	(145)
Transfer between funds	-	-	-	-
Carried forward	15,462	7,657	23,119	32,703

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Restricted funds 2025 £	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total 2025 £	2024 £
Current assets	15,462	8,704	24,166	33,700
Creditors due with one year	-	(977)	(977)	(881)
Creditors due after more than one year	-	(70)	(70)	(116)
Total	15,462	7,657	23,119	32,703

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY AND ITS TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

Trustees	C Bethel (resigned 17 October 2023) J Clark N Dennehy (resigned 17 October 2023) M Done V Harper (resigned 17 October 2023) R Hayes (appointed 17 October 2023) J Lumbers (appointed 17 October 2023; resigned 31 July 2024) D Ormond J Ricketts A Shackleton (resigned 17 October 2023) SA Williams SP Williams
Charity Registered Number	1173016
Officers	
Chair	SA Williams
Vice-chair	J Lumbers (resigned 31 July 2024)
Secretary	D Ormond
Treasurer	SP Williams
Registered Office	90 Forest Road Kew Richmond TW9 3BZ
Independent Examiner	Claire Satow 4 The Avenue Richmond Surrey TW9 2AJ
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc 9 George Street Richmond TW9 1JU

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements for the period 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2024. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the CIO's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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) as revised in March 2018.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The general objective of the charity is to maintain and enhance the area of Kew and the area immediately adjacent.

The Trustees have given due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in accordance with section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Incoming resources during the year amounted to £11,302 (2023: £10,206). Resources expended on charitable activities in the year totalled £11,584 (2023: £10,003). There was a net deficit for the year of £145 (2023: net surplus £203).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and is therefore governed by its Constitution. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation was incorporated and registered as a charity on 12 May 2017 (registered number 1173016).

The Charity's affairs are conducted by the Trustees who meet regularly and have the power to appoint new Trustees at their discretion. New Trustees appointed in this way must put themselves forward for reappointment at the next Annual General Meeting of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Trustees are required to familiarise themselves with the guidance provided to Trustees by the Charity Commission but the charity does not have any formal programme for the induction and training of new Trustees.

RISK FACTORS

The Trustees have carried out a risk assessment and this is reviewed on a regular basis throughout the year.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Trustees consider the activities of the charity to be satisfactory during the year. The charity expects further income in the following years to meet the costs of meeting its obligations as a charity. A review of the activities of the charity is available separately.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Trustees have reviewed the Charity's need for reserves in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Unrestricted funds are needed to provide funds which can be designated to specific projects to enable these projects to be undertaken and to cover administration and support costs without which the charity could not function. The Trustees consider it prudent that unrestricted reserves should be sufficient to cover a minimum of one year's administration and support costs and to ensure that sufficient funds are maintained to enable the Trustees to fund known future commitments. The level of reserves are monitored and reviewed by the Trustees on an annual basis.

Restricted funds represent amounts that have been set aside so as to be able to engage professional advice on planning matters in a timely manner.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The future plan of the Charity is to continue to maintain and enhance the area of Kew and the area immediately adjacent.

ASSET COVER FOR FUNDS

Note 11 sets out an analysis of the assets attributable to the various funds.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Trustees to prepare a statement of accounts for each financial year. Under The Charities Act 2011 the Trustees must not approve the statement of accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation for that period. In preparing the statement of account, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charitable Incorporated Organisation will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charitable Incorporated Organisation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation and enable them to ensure that the statement of accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 27 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



S P Williams
Trustee

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE PREPARATION OF THE
UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE KEW SOCIETY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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27 September 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating Income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

	Note	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
INCOME FROM					
Membership subscriptions and donations	2		7,271	7,271	6,824
Other income	3	137	4,031	4,168	3,382
TOTAL INCOME		137	11,302	11,439	10,206
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4	-	11,584	11,584	10,003
Governance costs	5	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		-	11,584	11,584	10,003
NET INCOME BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		137	(282)	(145)	203
Transfers between funds		(137)	137	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-	(145)	(145)	203
Total funds brought forward		15,000	17,848	32,848	32,645
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		15,000	17,703	32,703	32,848

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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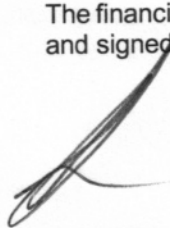
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 JULY 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepayments	7	1,497	1,555
Stock of postage stamps		366	936
Cash at bank and in hand		31,837	31,285
		33,700	33,776
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	(881)	(720)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		32,819	33,056
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	9	(116)	(208)
NET ASSETS		32,703	32,848
CHARITY FUNDS			
Restricted funds	10	15,000	15,000
Unrestricted funds	10	17,703	17,848
TOTAL FUNDS		32,703	32,848

The Trustees consider that the charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the charity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 27 September 2024 and signed on their behalf, by:


S P Williams
Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements

THE KEW SOCIETY
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Kew Society 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.

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There are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue, and so the going concern basis of accounting has been adopted.

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General funds are unrestricted funds which 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.

Restricted funds are available only for the purposes for which they have been created.

1.4 Income

Income from membership subscriptions and donations is included in the statement of financial activities when these are receivable, except as follows:

When members and donors specify that fees and donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.

When donors impose conditions, which have to be fulfilled before the Trustees become entitled to use such income, the income is deferred and not included in incoming resources until the pre-conditions for use have been met.

All other incoming resources are included in the Statement of financial activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities and governance costs are accounted for on an accruals basis.

1.6 Taxation

No provision for taxation is included in the accounts as the Charity is entitled to exemption from tax.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity 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.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Membership subscriptions	-	6,680	6,680	6,362
Donations	-	591	591	462
Total	-	7,271	7,271	6,824

3. OTHER INCOME

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Gift Aid		1,365	1,365	1,409
Surplus on self funded events		2,030	2,030	1,321
Interest	137	636	773	652
Total	137	4,031	4,168	3,382

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4. EXPENDITURE BY CHARITABLE ACTIVITY

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations		1,694	1,694	1,730
Memberships subscriptions		185	185	185
Printing and stationary		1,173	1,173	1,589
Society unfunded events		1,108	1,108	1,804
Gardening		1,354	1,354	891
Postage		570	570	976
Insurance		147	147	198
Website		4,370	4,370	146
Circular Walk		-	-	3,378
Bank charges		23	23	20
Sundry		960	960	86
Provision for renewal of Plaza Noticeboard			-	(1,000)
Total	-	11,584	11,584	10,003

5. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Fees of independent Examiner	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration from the Charity during the year.

There were no employees during the year.

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7. DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Gift Aid	1,340	1,408
Other debtors and prepayments	157	147
Total	1,497	1,555

8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Subscriptions paid in advance	138	194
Other creditors	743	526
Total	881	720

9. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Subscriptions paid in advance	116	208
Total	116	208

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10. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Brought forward	15,000	17,848	32,848	32,645
Surplus/(Loss) for the year	137	(282)	(145)	203
Transfer between funds	(137)	137	-	-
Carried forward	15,000	17,703	32,703	32,848

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Restricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	2023 £
Current assets	15,000	18,700	33,700	34,776
Creditors due with one year	-	(881)	(881)	(720)
Creditors due after more than one year	-	(116)	(116)	(208)
Total	15,000	17,703	32,703	32,848

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY AND ITS TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023

Trustees	M Adams (Retired 25 October 2022) C Bethel J Clark (Appointed 25 October 2022) N Dennehy M Done V Harper D Ormond (Appointed 25 October 2022) J Ricketts A Shackleton SA Williams SP Williams (Appointed 25 October 2022)
Charity Registered Number	1173016
Officers	
Chair	SA Williams
Vice-chair	N Dennehy
Secretary	C Bethel
Treasurer	SP Williams
Registered Office	13 Ruskin Avenue Kew Richmond TW9 4DR
Independent Examiner	Claire Satow 4 The Avenue Richmond Surrey TW9 2AJ
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc 9 George Street Richmond TW9 1JU

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements for the period 1st August 2022 to 31st July 2023. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the CIO's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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) as revised in March 2018.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The general objective of the charity is to maintain and enhance the area of Kew and the area immediately adjacent.

The Trustees have given due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in accordance with section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Incoming resources during the year amounted to £10,206 (2022: £12,117). Resources expended on charitable activities in the year totalled £10,003 (2022: £11,428). Governance costs amounted to Nil (2022: £250).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and is therefore governed by its Constitution. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation was incorporated and registered as a charity on 12 May 2017 (registered number 1173016).

The Charity's affairs are conducted by the Trustees who meet regularly and have the power to appoint new Trustees at their discretion. New Trustees appointed in this way must put themselves forward for reappointment at the next Annual General Meeting of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Trustees are required to familiarise themselves with the guidance provided to Trustees by the Charity Commission but the charity does not have any formal programme for the induction and training of new Trustees. C Bethel performs the day to day affairs at the principal address of the charity: 13 Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DR.

RISK FACTORS

The Trustees have carried out a risk assessment and this is reviewed on a regular basis throughout the year.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Trustees consider the activities of the charity to be satisfactory during the year. The charity expects further income in the following years to meet the costs of meeting its obligations as a charity. A detailed review of the activities of the charity is available separately.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Trustees have reviewed the Charity's need for reserves in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Unrestricted funds are needed to provide funds which can be designated to specific projects to enable these projects to be undertaken and to cover administration and support costs without which the charity could not function. The Trustees consider it prudent that unrestricted reserves should be sufficient to cover a minimum of one year's administration and support costs and to ensure that sufficient funds are maintained to enable the Trustees to fund known future commitments. The level of reserves are monitored and reviewed by the Trustees on an annual basis.

Restricted funds equal to approximately two years' incoming resources have been set aside so as to be able to engage professional advice on planning matters in a timely manner.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The future plan of the Charity is to continue to maintain and enhance the area of Kew and the area immediately adjacent.

ASSET COVER FOR FUNDS

Note 12 sets out an analysis of the assets attributable to the various funds.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Trustees to prepare a statement of accounts for each financial year. Under The Charities Act 2011 the Trustees must not approve the statement of accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation for that period. In preparing the statement of account, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charitable Incorporated Organisation will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charitable Incorporated Organisation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation and enable them to ensure that the statement of accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 11 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

SA Williams
Trustee & Chair

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE PREPARATION OF THE
UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE KEW SOCIETY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Claire Satow, Chartered Accountant
4 The Avenue
Richmond
Surrey
TW9 2AJ

September 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating Income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2023

	Note	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
INCOME FROM					
Membership subscriptions and donations	2		6,824	6,824	7,073
Other income	3	300	3,082	3,382	5,044
TOTAL INCOME		300	9,906	10,206	12,117
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4	-	10,003	10,003	11,428
Governance costs	5	-	-	-	250
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		-	10,003	10,003	11,678
NET INCOME BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		300	(97)	203	439
Transfers between funds		(300)	300	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-	203	203	439
Total funds brought forward		15,000	17,645	32,645	32,206
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		15,000	17,848	32,848	32,645

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 JULY 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepayments	7	1,555	4,791
Stock of postage stamps		936	450
Cash at bank and in hand		31,285	29,505
		33,776	34,746
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	(720)	(1,911)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		33,056	32,835
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	9	(208)	(190)
NET ASSETS		32,848	32,645
CHARITY FUNDS			
Restricted funds	10	15,000	15,000
Unrestricted funds	10	17,848	17,645
TOTAL FUNDS		32,848	32,645

The Trustees consider that the charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the charity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

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Expenditure on charitable activities and governance costs are accounted for on an accruals basis.

1.6 Taxation

No provision for taxation is included in the accounts as the Charity is entitled to exemption from tax.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity 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.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Membership subscriptions	-	6,362	6,362	6,368
Donations	-	462	462	705
Total	-	6,824	6,824	7,073

3. OTHER INCOME

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Gift Aid		1,409	1,409	1,379
Surplus on self funded events		1,321	1,321	923
Local Fund grant		-	-	2,677
Interest	300	352	652	65
Total	300	3,082	3,382	5,044

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4. EXPENDITURE BY CHARITABLE ACTIVITY

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations		1,730	1,730	1,398
Memberships subscriptions		185	185	145
Printing and stationary		1,589	1,589	1,757
Society unfunded events		1,804	1,804	979
Gardening		891	891	1,501
Postage		976	976	932
Insurance		198	198	198
Website		146	146	120
Circular Walk		3,378	3,378	3,217
Bank charges		20	20	11
Sundry		86	86	170
Provision for renewal of Plaza Noticeboard		(1,000)	(1,000)	1,000
Total	-	10,003	10,003	11,428

5. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Fees of independent Examiner	-	-	-	250
Total	-	-	-	250

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration from the Charity during the year.

There were no employees during the year.

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7. DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Gift Aid	1,408	1,379
Other debtors and prepayments	147	3,412
Total	1,555	4,791

8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Subscriptions paid in advance	194	202
Other creditors	526	709
Provision for renewal of Plaza Noticeboard	-	1,000
Total	720	1,911

9. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Subscriptions paid in advance	208	190
Total	208	190

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10. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Brought forward	15,000	17,645	32,645	32,206
Surplus/(Loss) for the year	300	(97)	203	439
Transfer between funds	(300)	300	-	-
Carried forward	15,000	17,848	32,848	32,645

There were no movements on restricted funds during the year ended 31 July 2022.

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £	2022 £
Current assets	15,000	18,776	33,776	34,746
Creditors due with one year	-	(720)	(720)	(1,911)
Creditors due after more than one year	-	(208)	(208)	(190)
Total	15,000	17,848	32,848	32,645

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY AND ITS TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2022**

Trustees	M Adams A Anderson (appointed 20 October 2021, resigned 1 March 2022) C Bethel N Dennehy M Done V Harper Professor R Mason (retired 20 October 2021) J Ricketts A Shackleton S Speak (resigned 12 July 2022) S Williams (appointed 20 October 2021)
Charity registered number	1173016
Officers	
Chair	S Williams
Vice-chair	N Dennehy
Secretary	C Bethel
Treasurer	M Adams
Registered office	13 Ruskin Avenue Kew Richmond TW9 4DR
Independent Examiner	Lesley Pasricha FCA 23 Front Street Portesham Weymouth DT3 4ET
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc 9 George Street Richmond Surrey TW9 1JU

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CHAIR'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST
JULY 2022

In the 12 months since I took over the chair of the Kew Society (TKS) I have been in learning mode...especially about the wide range of work that our charity does on behalf of the local community. Although I have been a member for many years, I had never fully appreciated the diversity of projects that members of the committee, often ably helped by co-opted members, would deal within the course of a year.

The purpose of this Trustee report is to provide an overview of these activities for the period 1st August 1st 2021 – 31st July 2022, which, of course, includes three months when Roger Mason was very ably leading the team. During those months, he organised a series of briefings for me, so that, when I became chair, I would not be completely at sea. I am immensely grateful for this but, even with this help, I was relatively unprepared for the breadth and depth of our remit. We have four main strands of activity – planning, environment, events and gardening. A relatively small team of – incredibly hard-working – people manage to deliver more than many charities with paid staff could hope to achieve.

To give you a flavour of what we have been doing during the year – more details in the full report – I will describe some of the work conducted in each area of activity.

Many people in Kew associate TKS with planning – and it does remain a very important part of our work, especially at a time when so many people want to build – or live – in Kew. Who can blame them? Throughout the year our Trustee, Alice Shackleton, a property lawyer, looks at every single planning application for the Kew Ward and the Kew area covered by the North Richmond Ward submitted to the Council and then advises the committee on how she, and fellow Trustee, John Ricketts recommend we respond to any that could have a negative impact upon the local area. Contrary to the perceptions of some, we are far from being 'NIMBY's'...we do not comment on domestic/smaller scale planning applications unless the resulting development would, in our opinion, be out of keeping with the local area or would – say because of likely increases in traffic or noise – affect the wellbeing of neighbours.

Most of our planning time is dedicated to trying to influence the best possible outcomes from larger-scale planning applications. Sometimes, this means opposing an entire development and other times it means that, whilst accepting that a development is inevitable, we use skills and knowledge to try to influence the best possible outcome for the local community. A good example of this can be demonstrated by the work we are doing to try to ensure that the proposed development of the Kew Retail Park results in a well-designed, sustainable group of homes – including a significant proportion of 'tenure blind' affordable homes – alongside features, such as a new community hall, that could be an asset to our village life.

The scope of our work on 'things environmental' came as more of a surprise to me. I was aware that we were involved with the campaign against the expansion of Heathrow, and I had an inkling that we helped to maintain the beauty of the riverbank, but it had not occurred to me that – a seemingly never-ending – task would be dealing with graffiti. These, and many other things that are related to our local environment are dealt with by Venetia Harper, supported by Roger Mason and – until his recent resignation as a Trustee – Stephen Speak.

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CHAIR'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST
JULY 2022

The Kew Society is represented on a number of relevant committees, including the Thames Landscape Strategy Community Advisory Group, Habitats and Heritage, and the Kew Police Liaison Group.

Other activities for the environmental team 'emerge' in the course of the year. For example, the noticeboard in Kew Plaza was damaged in a storm last March and TKS is contributing time and money to the project team involving the Council, the National Archives and RBGK who will upgrade and restore this useful feature.

Other projects remain on the 'to do' list and much time has been spent trying to move things forward...for example, the introduction of step-free access at Kew Gardens Station. The very high cost quoted for providing this – in excess of £10M – must be a deterrent in the current economic times. Rather more modest investment should (we hope) soon pay for the painting and repair of the Hennebique footbridge at the station. We have offered to pay for the painting and renovation of the doors to the station subway.

Air quality is also of increasing concern to many local residents. We are very fortunate to have an expert in our team – Roger Mason – who has been proactive in providing scientific research data to aid a range of campaigns. His input has directly resulted in an increase in the air quality monitoring around local schools.

Protecting and enhancing our environment is central to our work – but we are now also actively encouraging people to get out and enjoy our local area. During this year, a small team of Trustees – Claire Bethel, Mary Done and Venetia Harper – developed an idea for a 'historical walk' around Kew, and – with the help of a generous grant from the Council – turned the idea into reality, producing a map and information leaflet for launch early in the next charity year.

For many people – members and non-members alike – our gardening activities are our most visible contribution to the local area. A team of volunteers, led by our Head Gardener, Anna Anderson, devote many hours to planting, watering and maintaining beds alongside the station platforms, in the village and – thanks to John and Daphne Turner – a wonderful public garden on North Road. This year, we have benefitted greatly from advice on planting and design provided at no cost by Suzie Jewell from RBGK. Suzie has previously helped us with the planting along the station platforms and around the war memorial on Kew Green and we are very grateful for her advice.

We are always looking to recruit new members! Not least, so that we are able to represent the full diversity of local residents in our responses to any proposed changes or developments which could affect our lives. We now have 818 members – up from last year – and many of them enjoy the events that are (wonderfully) organised by Mary Done – Trustee and Events Lead – ably supported by Sue May and Jane Hogan. Many of our talks take place in the National Archives, and we are extremely grateful for their generous support in allowing us to benefit from their facilities and expert staff at very modest cost.

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In addition to a diversity of talks, Mary and her team also organised and managed a range of well-received outings and walks and ensured that the Society had a public presence at the Kew Fair, the Kew Horticultural Show and some Kew Village markets. TKS also hosted an 'open to all' local election hustings at Queen's school in April.

Throughout the year, we communicate with members in a variety of ways. Our newsletters – edited by Claire Bethel, Trustee – attract very positive feedback. As well as reporting on TKS activities, Claire always includes a range of features about life in Kew. During 2021-2022, we distributed these publications electronically, only producing hard copies upon request. The committee have decided that, going forward, we will print and distribute hard copies to all members unless they ask us to continue to only send them the online version.

Nora Dennehy – Trustee and Deputy Chair – has a varied portfolio of responsibilities, including managing our presence on social media, posting wonderful photographs and generally 'flying a flag' about our local activities.

During the pandemic, Roger Mason, ably assisted by Nick Hutchings, our webmaster, produced regular 'Kew Miscellany' newsletters. Once life returned to something more normal, I have replaced them with shorter notes, raising awareness about issues or activities which may be of interest to our members. These notes have also provided a platform to publicise 'Meet in Kew' a monthly 'pop-up pub' in the Kew Community Centre for anyone living or working in Kew. These enjoyable events are now a joint TKS/Kew Community Trust initiative and are proving to be a very good way for members to meet each other and to chat with committee members.

Thanks to the expert husbandry of our Treasurer, Mike Adams, the charity's finances are in a very sound position. All our work is done by volunteers and we have also been fortunate in receiving grants to help with projects that are regarded as being of benefit to the Kew community.

It is a great privilege to be the chair of the Kew Society, and I am much looking forward to 'growing into' the role. I have been very fortunate to inherit such a talented and dedicated team and almost all the credit for our success should go to them. I would also like to acknowledge the invaluable support provided by our Patrons. I have no doubt that, during 2021-2022 we have fulfilled our charitable objectives.

Shiona Williams

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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements for the period 1st August 2021 to 31st July 2022. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the CIO's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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) as revised in March 2018.

Constitution and Election of Trustees

The Kew Society is registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with registration number 1173016 and is therefore governed by its constitution. The Constitution of the Society is published in the policy documents file on The Kew Society web page (<http://www.kewsociety.org>). The Charitable Incorporated Organisation was incorporated and registered as a charity on 12 May 2017.

The Charity's affairs are conducted by the Executive Committee, comprising the Trustees and co-opted members, and usually meets eleven times a year. None of the Trustees, nor any persons connected with them, has received any remuneration during the year. The Officers of the Society, consisting of the Chair, Vice Chair, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary are elected annually whilst other Trustees hold office for a period of three years. Trustees can be re-elected for a further term, subject to a maximum of six years and can then only be re-elected after standing down from the Executive Committee for one year.

The Trustees have the power to appoint new Trustees at their discretion. New Trustees appointed in this way must put themselves forward for reappointment at the next Annual General Meeting of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Trustees are required to familiarise themselves with the guidance provided to Trustees by the Charity Commission but the charity does not have any formal programme for the induction and training of new Trustees. C Bethel performs the day-to-day affairs at the principal address of the charity: 13 Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DR.

The Objectives and Work of the Society

The Kew Society is established for the public benefit and its objectives are to promote high standards of planning and architecture in Kew, to educate the public about the locality, to preserve and enhance the beauty of our local environment and to make a positive contribution to community life.

The Trustees have given due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in accordance with section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

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We meet our objectives by:

- examining planning applications that are submitted for the Kew area, as well as other applications and government proposals that could affect Kew;
- organising events for members that have a relevance to the Kew area and which we hope will be of interest to members;
- liaising on behalf of members with our MP, local councillors, the local planning authority and other local and national voluntary organisations;
- providing a community network to help to connect members, facilitate information gathering, and promote understanding of issues that could impact upon the lives of people living or working in Kew, and
- enabling newcomers to Kew to meet other residents and become part of village life.

Risk Assessments and operational procedures

The Kew Society Executive Committee has Risk Assessment procedures for a number of activities and responsibilities including Governance and Financial Management, Operational and Regulatory Matters, Events and Gardening Activities. These have been kept under review during 2021-2022. All members of the Executive Committee have access to our Google Drive Archive of Committee Documents and Reports from 2012 to the present time.

An Overview of the Activities and Achievements of the Kew Society, 1st August 2021– 31st July 2022

The Society's governance relies on four sub-committees and teams, three – Planning, Environment and Events are led by a Trustee and one – Gardening – by a co-opted member. Each sub-committee has specific responsibilities for considering planning issues, environmental issues, organising events and outings, and for the Kew Society gardening initiatives in Kew. Each sub-committee reports to the monthly Executive Committee meeting.

Planning:

The Planning sub-committee (Alice Shackleton, Trustee and lead, John Ricketts, Trustee) worked on a wide range of projects during the year. Until his recent resignation as a Trustee, Stephen Speak also provided assistance on some projects.

We continue to scrutinise developments that would affect the Kew area and the World Heritage Site of Royal Botanic Gardens Kew (RBGK), with the objective of preserving and enhancing the beauty of our locality. We work closely with RBGK and liaise with other amenity societies and bodies.

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Large Developments south of the River Thames

Kew Retail Park: We had been waiting for development proposals following the reported acquisition of half of the site by Berkeley Homes in 2021. In May 2022, we were invited to a presentation by JTP Architects on behalf of St Georges (Berkeley Homes) and Marks and Spencer as the beginning of a community engagement exercise. This was followed in June, and July by further presentations/site walkabouts and workshops for the community, which were attended by several Trustees. We have updated members and encouraged participation in the community engagement, which focuses on the landscape and community use aspects of a development of up to 1200 flats with a new Marks and Spencer store, other commercial uses and a community hall. The design and density of this proposed development and its impact upon local infrastructure is clearly going to be of major concern to those living in Kew. The planning application is expected to be submitted next summer.

Mortlake Brewery (Stag Brewery): We continue to work closely with local groups, with our concerns primarily being how this scheme would affect traffic levels and thus air quality in Kew, as well as the provision of infrastructure, both social and physical. We objected to the April 2022 revised scheme.

Homebase Manor Road: We have consistently objected to this scheme, and the several substantive revisions to it and have requested that successive Secretaries of State call it in to take it over from the Mayor of London, who has indicated approval of the scheme. The Mayor allowed a further substantive revision at the end of 2021 to which we objected. A formal decision is still awaited from the Mayor.

Large Developments north of the River Thames:

We consider these mainly for their effect on RBGK and protected vistas in RBGK and liaise closely with RBGK on the approach that we take. Proposals in which we have been involved include:

Holly House, Chiswick Roundabout: Proposal for a 24-storey tower to which we have objected.

Homebase and Tesco Superstore, Syon Lane: We objected and attended part of the public inquiry – decision awaited.

B & Q Site, Gunnersbury Lane: This was approved in December 2021.

We have also commented upon other local development applications:

Heidelberg Scheme (west of Watermans) – now approved. SEGA building (on A4) – very early stages; and Albany and Charlton Houses, Brentford High Street (opposite Watermans), now approved.

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Smaller Developments in Kew

As a matter of policy, we do not comment on domestic applications unless there is a more general implication. Some of those we have commented on are:

Telecommunications masts and cabinets: There is a fine balance between the need for better connections and harm to the locality through inappropriate siting. We objected on siting and appearance grounds to a mast outside Broome Court and a proposed mast by the Swimming Baths in Old Deer Park through membership of the Old Deer Park Working Group. We monitor the site opposite 105 North Road which obtained 'deemed consent' in 2019.

77 North Road (former doctors' surgery): Successive applications were made to change the use of this property to a children's day nursery. Whilst we expressed support in principle, we submitted our concerns at the numbers of children (latest application about 80 children and 15-25 staff) and the possible noise, traffic and parking implications for the neighbourhood, suggesting conditions to protect neighbours' amenity. Applications were withdrawn or refused.

159 Mortlake Road (previously Jigsaw headquarters): We objected to a previous application to convert part of this site to 31 apartments, suggesting a number of conditions including the safety of access on to the South Circular road. Consent was given subject to conditions, but it was not proceeded with by the owners.

32 Haverfield Gardens: A proposal to develop this site to provide five houses was opposed by many residents and the Society. We suggested possible changes to mitigate the visual impact of the scheme and these changes have been incorporated.

Kew Cricket Club proposal for new nets on Kew Green: We opposed this scheme which would have given poorer access to the nets. The application was withdrawn.

Consultations:

We also respond to public consultations, where appropriate. Richmond Council is in the process of creating a new Local Plan. We responded to the first consultation, Direction of Travel, and then, in early 2022, to the Pre-Publication Draft Local Plan. One of our concerns was to ensure that the transport needs of elderly and less able people are catered for.

Environment

The work of the Environment Sub-Committee (Venetia Harper, Roger Mason and, until his recent resignation as a Trustee, Stephen Speak), covers a wide range of activities, including representing Kew Society members on a variety of relevant committees and actively participating in a number of government and council consultations.

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Committee Representation.

Nora Dennehy is our representative on the Richmond Heathrow Campaign Committee (RHC), and Venetia Harper replaced Stephen Speak following his resignation on the Old Deer Park Working Group Committee (ODPG). Venetia also represents TKS on the Thames Landscape Strategy Community Advisory Group (TLS), The West London River Group (WLRG), The Towpath Group, Habitats and Heritage Richmond Friends of Parks Group Forum (H&H) and the Kew Police Liaison Group.

Consultations.

We keep a watchful eye and ear on consultations related to the environment whose outcomes may impact the lives of people who live or work in Kew. An example of this would be that, on behalf of the committee, Roger Mason responded to the consultation on expanding the ULEZ to the outer London Boroughs in August 2023. We concluded that there are compelling reasons to extend the ULEZ to cover all of Outer London in addition to the current inner zone.

Some of our more general activities this year have included:

Kew Plaza.

The Council has committed to repairing the frame of the noticeboard that was damaged in a storm in March and this work is overdue. TKS is liaising with the National Archives and the RBGK on the design and production of a replacement map.

TKS has approached London Underground with a proposal to have the doors to the subway and the handrails leading to the station platforms professionally painted. The doors are in poor condition and their appearance would be much improved by this intervention. Despite persistent efforts to obtain permission to undertake (and pay for) this work, we have not yet received permission to proceed. Network Rail has handed the responsibility to Transport for London (TfL) and London Underground. Despite it being a listed building and warnings about TfL's lengthy bureaucratic procedures, we would have hoped for a positive and speedier response.

Kew Road Cycle Lane consultation.

After a period of experiment, LBRUT consulted on the future of the Kew Road cycle lanes during November 2021. TKS had received a large number of comments from members and we summarised them in our response. We did not oppose the introduction of the cycle lanes, but asked the Council to consider a range of concerns before making final plans. These concerns included a range of issues about parking. Coaches would no longer be able to drop off/collect passengers or park on the Kew Road. We were concerned that the loss of around 180 parking spaces could particularly impact on visitors to RBGK with mobility problems and families with small children requiring buggies. During the pandemic, the

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number of home deliveries had increased sharply and many residents intended to continue with this practice. Ensuring that delivery vans had safe places to park was a key request.

Graffiti

Venetia Harper has continued to interact with the Council, TfL, National Rail and the local police over graffiti issues which continue to blight Kew. Both the Council and TfL are responsive to requests to clear graffiti and there has been some reduction in this vandalism.

Rewilding Arcadia

Avril Dalglish and Richard Jaggard, members of TKS, took regular hydrologic readings at the West Surrey Golf Course to assist with the TLS rewilding plans for the Old Deer Park and along that stretch of the Thames.

Kew Green

Following a series of incursions by Travellers on to Kew Green, TKS is supporting the setting up of a Kew Green Residents Association.

TKS Circular Walk Around Kew

Mary Done first proposed that the Kew Society researched and designed a map about a historical walk around Kew over two years ago. TKS submitted a successful application for funding from the Council's Local Area Fund and we were awarded a grant of £2,700. A small team, led by Claire Bethel, developed the materials needed and worked with a design company to produce an illustrated map highlighting a variety of points of interest. Aimed at both local residents and visitors, the objective was to encourage people to do the walk and learn more about many local landmarks in this beautiful area.

Richmond Borough Air Quality

We are very fortunate to be able to include an acknowledged expert on air quality in our team. During this year, Roger Mason has provided high quality scientific input to the Richmond Borough Community Group Air Quality Meeting. This information has helped to increase the amount of air quality monitoring and audits of schools including Darrell.

Roger has also advised The Mortlake Brewery Community Association on traffic and air quality at Chalker's Corner and in Mortlake.

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Painting the Hennebique pedestrian foot bridge at Kew Gardens Station.

A planning application to paint and repair the grade 2-listed footbridge was lodged in March and Roger Mason was advised that the budget for the renovation is in place. The Kew Society has repeatedly requested renovation for several years. By the end of July, work had not yet begun.

Step-Free Access at Kew Gardens Station

Many local residents and visitors to Kew, especially those pushing buggies or using wheelchairs, continue to face significant challenges getting from one side of Kew Gardens station to the other. Helping to improve this situation remains an important objective for the Kew Society.

Further to the Feasibility Study completed in 2020, an application for funding from the Access to All Scheme was submitted. In March, the Council and TKS submitted a joint request, along with letters of support for funding, to the Department for Transport (DfT). National Rail and the Department for Transport were due to meet in April but no information about progress has been communicated.

Gardening

For many people, our gardening activities are our most visible contribution to the enjoyment of living in Kew. We continue to invest in plants and shrubs for all seasons.

Volunteer gardeners, led by Anna Anderson, Head Gardener and Co-opted member of the Committee, maintain several garden areas, which have been planted around Kew.

One of the main projects for the team this year was the replanting of the **Kew Village beds**. We revitalised the beds in the spring, with the creative input from the RBGK to produce a new design and planting plan. As well as design advice, we also needed practical help from Continental Landscapes, the council's gardening contractor, to raise the soil level in the triangular planter to provide enough soil depth for the new plants. The planting was done in April/May and the beds have provided a lovely display of geranium, salvia and erigeron flowers during the summer.

The wildflower planting around the **War Memorial and St Anne's Churchyard** has not worked as well as we had hoped and it is clear that wildflower planting needs regular management. We have met with Continental Landscapes and people from the church to agree a way forward. Continental Landscapes have agreed to clear the areas and remove invasive weeds, and they will then reseed the areas in the spring. This will probably have to be repeated every two to three years to provide an ongoing display of wildflowers and to ensure it is not overcome by weeds.

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Other gardening work has included maintaining the flower beds at Kew Gardens station, the garden on the corner of North Road and High Park Avenue and some planting in Kew Plaza.

Challenges for our Gardening team

The changing climate!

The summer of 2021 was dry and this year was even drier with scarcely any rain over the summer months. We are very aware that climate change is already having a negative impact on our gardens. Watering has been a major challenge, especially to help new plants get established, and has taken many hours of gardeners' time. We are grateful for the help we have had from the Kew Greenhouse Café, Chris and Chris Motors and the cafes on Kew Plaza in giving us access to water and help in watering.

Longer term, we will have to rethink what we plant to focus on more drought tolerant species which are better adapted to the changing climate.

We need to grow our team!

We have a small team of regular gardeners and a few people who help from time to time but more people are needed to keep the gardens looking at their best. It is a very enjoyable way to spend a couple of hours each week in the fresh air and passers-by always stop to say how much they appreciate what we do. New volunteers would be very welcome.

Kew Society Events

Our Events Team (Mary Done [Trustee and Lead], Sue May and Jane Hogan) organised a varied programme of "live" events over the past year following the relaxation of the rules governing activities during the pandemic.

TKS is grateful to all the excellent speakers and tour leaders who helped achieve such a successful programme; Sue and Jane are the backbone of our Kew Society events programme, giving their time and enthusiasm to help to organise and publicise events.

We would also like to say a big thank you to members and their guests who 'dipped their toes in the water' and returned to live events after the pandemic. A huge vote of thanks also goes to the Venues team at the National Archives – especially Lee and Magda – who calmly assisted and guided us through each event. We are very fortunate to be able to use such high-quality facilities at an affordable rate.

AGM 2021

The October 2021 AGM at the National Archives was well-attended. Our speaker – Lord Darroch – gave an extremely well-received talk, generously sharing some of his knowledge and experience and answering questions from members.

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During 2021-2022 members and guests have been invited to participate in a diverse mix of talks, walks and outings including:

- 'Draw-off of the Thames': A fascinating walk last November along the foreshore of the river at Richmond to understand more about the work of the Thames Landscape Strategy and The Arcadian Thames.
- This was followed up in May 2022 by two superb guided walks: a 'Wet Meadow walk in Home Park' (alongside Hampton Court) and 'The Trees of Kew' (by RBG Kew's Head of Tree Collections).
- July 2022 returned us to London for a fascinating tour by Helen Bartolome of The City of London Gardens.

In late 2021 we were entertained and delighted by some wonderful and uplifting talks:

- November 2021: 'More Than Poppies' – Marian Mollett. Marion is a Kew local resident with a wealth of knowledge about St. Anne's Church and surrounds, and 'Kew and the East India Museum' – Leila Redpath, a devotee of this historic time.

During 2022 our talks programme included:

- January: 'A Slice of Eel Pie' – Celia Holman, Eel Pie Island Museum.
- February: 'Twickenhamshire' – The Riverside Gardens and Villas of 18th Century Twickenham – Chris Sumner, local resident and historian.
- April: 'The History of the Olympic Studios' – Roger Miles, archivist
- June: 'Crown & Sceptre' – Tracy Borman, author
- Of course, we must not forget 'Rock 'n' Roll Richmond' and travelling around the local area on board a Routemaster bus for a nostalgic Swinging Sixties bus tour featuring music we all knew the words to, and historical musical snippets from Paul Endacott.
- Thanks go to The Queen's School in Kew who hosted a lively 'Hustings' evening in April prior to Kew's local elections. Grateful thanks go to the school events team who assisted.
- We hosted a Kew Society stand at the first (and blustery!) February Kew Village Market and also at the 2022 Kew Summer Fair. These events offer a great opportunity to chat to existing and potential new members who stop by to say 'hello'. Several non-members who showed a keen interest in our colourful display boards on planning applications, gardening projects, events etc have joined the Society as a result.
- Finally, a huge thanks for your support!

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Communications and Membership

The Trustees are pleased to report that our membership currently numbers 818 compared to 760 at the time of the 2021 AGM – 545 couples/households and 273 individuals. 94 new members have joined during the year. We have lost some members because, sadly, a number have died during the past year and others have moved away from the area. A small number have decided not to renew membership. We are delighted that, as a result of encouragement from Michael Fletcher, our membership secretary, well over 80% of our members now pay by standing order. Payment by credit card is also becoming more popular. New member recruitment comes through a variety of sources, including attendance at talks, the Kew Village Market, the Kew Fair and the Kew Horticultural show. A significant proportion say that they have been recommended by friends who are already members.

During the pandemic it was not possible to host any 'welcome' parties for new members, but in April, we were very delighted to be able to relaunch these enjoyable events, where new members are able to meet and chat with members of the committee.

We maintain regular communications with members in a variety of ways, including:

- **The Kew Society Newsletter** (Claire Bethel, Trustee and Editor, assisted by Paul Bethel). We have continued to produce quarterly Newsletters usually of eight or, occasionally, twelve pages. During 2021-22, they were available online with hard copies being produced for those who do not have electronic forms of communication. The richly illustrated Newsletters have carried reports on many of the Society's activities on planning and environmental issues, and our gardening projects. There have also been interviews with local people, and with members. For example, we featured some members who volunteered to host Ukrainian guests after the Russian invasion in February 2022. We have also included features about the work of other organisations and charities in Kew, including the RNLI and Dose of Nature. The committee decided that, for the next financial year, we should move to a hard copy format for most members to make the content more accessible and inclusive.
- **The Kew Society Social Media platforms** (Nora Dennehy, Trustee and Public Relations/Marketing lead). Nora regularly posts wonderful photographs and news and information of relevance to members on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. Importantly, these platforms reach many people across the Kew community who are not currently our members, raising our profile and 'flying a flag' about our activities conducted on behalf of the local community.
- **'Kew Miscellany' Notes to members and invitations to 'Meet in Kew'** (Shiona Williams, Chair, assisted by Nick Hutchings, Webmaster). Once life had returned to relative normality after the pandemic and most members were able to get out and about more, the need for the (wonderfully broad ranging) 'Kew Miscellany' online communications that brightened the lives of many members during lockdown

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seemed slightly less relevant. We have replaced them with (fairly) regular notes from the chair, raising awareness about issues or activities that could be of interest to members. For example, we have encouraged members to actively participate in the community consultation process for the proposed redevelopment of the Kew Retail Park. Occasionally we also include links to other items of interest, including a range of very well-researched historical papers, written by John Moses, a member and local historian. Shiona was a founding member of 'Meet in Kew', the monthly 'pop-up pub' for anyone who lives or works in Kew before she became a Kew Society trustee. When these very enjoyable events (which have raised funds for Ukraine and community projects) were relaunched in April it was agreed that they should go forward as a joint Kew Community Trust/Kew Society initiative. The events are a great way to meet up with other members and to have a chat with the chair and (often) other committee members.

A thank you to our Patrons.

Throughout the year, we have valued the support and advice provided by our Patrons.

Summary

The Trustees believe that they have met the criteria inherited and listed as the Objects of the Society and that the above is evidence of Developments, Activities and Achievements.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Trustees have reviewed the Charity's need for reserves in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Unrestricted funds are needed to provide funds which can be designated to specific projects to enable these projects to be undertaken and to cover administration and support costs without which the charity could not function. The Trustees consider it prudent that unrestricted reserves should be sufficient to cover a minimum of one year's administration and support costs and to ensure that sufficient funds are maintained to enable the Trustees to fund known future commitments. The level of reserves are monitored and reviewed by the Trustees on an annual basis.

Restricted funds equal to approximately two years' incoming resources have been set aside so as to be able to engage professional advice on planning matters in a timely manner.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Incoming resources during the year amounted to £12,117 (2021: £7,984). Resources expended on charitable activities in the year totalled £11,678 (2021: £4,935). Governance costs amounted to £250 (2021: £250).

The results for the current year have been inflated through the receipt of a one-off grant of £2,677 from the Local Area Fund. This grant is intended to part-fund the creation of a circular walk around Kew introducing visitors to a number of points of interest within the local area and was so used. The total cost of the study came to £3,217. This grant has not been included in the calculation of necessary restricted funds.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The future plan of the Charity is to continue to maintain and enhance the area of Kew and the area immediately adjacent.

ASSET COVER FOR FUNDS

Note 11 sets out an analysis of the assets attributable to the various funds.

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TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

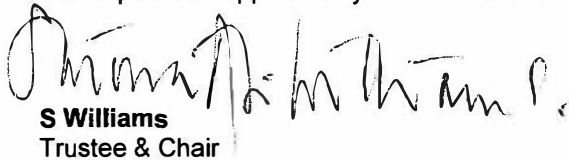
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Trustees to prepare a statement of accounts for each financial year. Under The Charities Act 2011 the Trustees must not approve the statement of accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation for that period. In preparing the statement of account, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charitable Incorporated Organisation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation and enable them to ensure that the statement of accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 6 September 2022 and signed on their behalf by:


S Williams
Trustee & Chair

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE PREPARATION OF THE
UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE KEW SOCIETY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2022**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention .

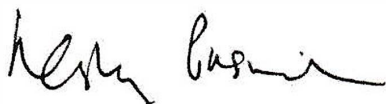
Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Lesley Pasricha, Chartered Accountant
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September 2022

THE KEW SOCIETY
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating Income and expenditure account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2022

	Note	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
INCOME FROM:					
Membership subscriptions and donations	2	--	7,073	7,073	6,579
Other income	3		5,044	5,044	1,405
TOTAL INCOME			12,117	12,117	7,984
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities:					
Charitable activities	4	-	11,428	11,428	4,835
Governance costs	5	-	250	250	250
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		-	11,678	11,678	5,085
NET INCOME BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		-	439	439	2,899
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-	439	439	2,899
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		15,000	17,206	32,206	29,307
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		15,000	17,645	32,645	32,206

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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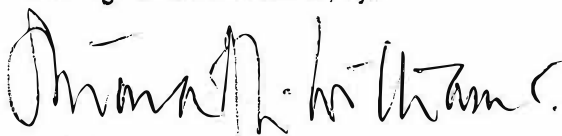
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 JULY 2022

	Note	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
INVESTMENTS	9		15,000		0
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	7	4,791		1,762	
Stock of postage stamps		450		620	
Cash at bank and in hand		14,505		30,484	
		19,746		32,866	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within 12 months	8	(1,911)		(446)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			17,835		32,420
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than 12 months	8		(190)		(214)
NET ASSETS			32,645		32,206
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds	10		15,000		15,000
Unrestricted funds	10		17,645		17,206
TOTAL FUNDS			32,645		32,206

The Trustees consider that the charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the charity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 6 September 2022 and signed on their behalf, by:



S Williams
Trustee & Chair

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements

THE KEW SOCIETY
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Kew Society 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.

1.2 Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue, and so the going concern basis of accounting has been adopted.

1.3 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 charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are available only for the purposes for which they have been created.

1.4 Income

Income from membership subscriptions and donations is included in the statement of financial activities when these are receivable, except as follows:

When members and donors specify that fees and donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.

When donors impose conditions, which have to be fulfilled before the Trustees become entitled to use such income, the income is deferred and not included in incoming resources until the pre-conditions for use have been met.

All other incoming resources are included in the Statement of financial activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities and governance costs are accounted for on an accruals basis.

1.6 Taxation

No provision for taxation is included in the accounts as the Charity is entitled to exemption from tax.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2022**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity 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.

1.8 Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at mid-market value at the balance sheet date and the gain or loss taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Membership subscriptions		6,368	6,368	6,520
Donations		705	705	59
Total membership subscriptions and donations	-	<u>7,073</u>	<u>7,073</u>	<u>6,579</u>
Total 2021	-	<u>6,579</u>	<u>6,579</u>	

3. OTHER INCOME

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Gift Aid	-	1,379	1,379	1,400
Surplus on self-funded events	-	923	923	0
Local Fund Grant	-	2,677	2,677	0
Interest Income		65	65	5
	-	<u>5,044</u>	<u>5,044</u>	<u>1,405</u>
Total 2021	-	<u>1,405</u>	<u>1,405</u>	

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2022**

4. EXPENDITURE BY CHARITABLE ACTIVITY

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Donations		1,398	1,398	940
Membership subscriptions		145	145	520
Printing and stationery		1,757	1,757	1,090
Society unfunded events		979	979	1,029
Planning and appeals		0	0	0
Gardening		1,501	1,501	767
Postage		932	932	199
Insurance		198	198	198
Website		120	120	72
Circular walk		3,217	3,217	0
Bank charges		11	11	7
Sundry		170	170	13
		10,428	10,428	4,835
Provision for renewal of Plaza Noticeboard		1,000	1,000	0
	0	11,428	11,428	4,835
<i>Total 2021</i>	-	4,835	4,835	

5. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Fee of Independent Accountant	-	250	250	250
	-	250	250	250

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses from the Charity during the year.

There were no employees during the year.

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7. DEBTORS

	2022 £	2021 £
Gift Aid	1,379	1,400
Other debtors and prepayments	3,412	362
	<u>4,791</u>	<u>1,762</u>

8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Subscriptions paid in advance: Due within 12 months	202	196
Other creditors	709	250
Provision for renewal of Plaza Noticeboard	1,000	0
	<u>1,911</u>	<u>446</u>
Subscriptions paid in advance: Due after more than 12 months	190	214
	<u>1,101</u>	<u>660</u>

9. INVESTMENTS

	2022 £	2021 £
Value of investments at August 1 2021	0	0
Addition: United Trust Bank Charity 1 Year Bond	15,000	0
Value of investments at July 31, 2022	<u>15,000</u>	<u>0</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2022

10. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance at 1 August 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 July 2022
Unrestricted funds				
General funds:				
Other reserves	17,206	12,117	(11,678)	17,645
	<u>17,206</u>	<u>12,117</u>	<u>(11,678)</u>	<u>17,645</u>
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	15,000	-	-	15,000
Total of funds	<u>32,206</u>	<u>12,117</u>	<u>(11,678)</u>	<u>32,645</u>
2021	<u>29,307</u>	<u>9,476</u>	<u>(6,577)</u>	<u>32,206</u>

There have been no movements on restricted funds during the year ended 31 July 2022.

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Investments	15,000		15,000	0
Current assets		19,746	19,746	32,866
Creditors due within 12 months		(1,911)	(1,911)	(446)
Creditors due after more than 12 months		(190)	(190)	(214)
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>17,645</u>	<u>32,645</u>	<u>32,206</u>

THE KEW SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1173016

Accounts

THE KEW
(A Charitable Incorporated

Charity number: 1173016

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UNAUDITED
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY
2021

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TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2021

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY AND ITS
TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2021**

Trustees	M Adams C Bethel (reappointed 21 October 2020) N Dennehy (reappointed 21 October 2020) M Done V Harper (reappointed 21 October 2020) Professor R Mason J Ricketts A Shackleton S Speak
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**Charity
registered
number**

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Vice-chair	N Dennehy
Secretary	C Bethel
Treasurer	M Adams

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2021

Constitution and Election of Trustees

The Kew Society is registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with registration number 1173016. The Constitution of the Society is published in the policy documents file on The Kew Society web page (<http://www.kewsociety.org>).

The Society's Executive Committee, comprising the Trustees and co-opted members, meets eleven times a year. None of the Trustees, nor any persons connected with them, has received any remuneration during the year. The Officers of the Society, consisting of the Chair, Vice Chair, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary are elected annually while other Trustees hold office for a period of three years. Trustees can be re-elected for a further term, subject to a maximum of six years and can then only be re-elected after standing down from the Executive Committee for one year.

The Objectives and Work of the Society

The Kew Society is established for the public benefit and its objectives are to promote high standards of planning and architecture in Kew, to educate the public about the locality, to preserve and enhance the beauty of Kew and its Village and to extend and preserve public amenities in the domain.

We meet our objectives by:

- examining planning applications that are submitted for the Kew area, as well as other applications and government proposals that could affect Kew
- organising events for members that give information about Kew and the surrounding areas
- liaising on behalf of members with local councillors, the local planning authority and other local and national voluntary organisations

- providing a community network to facilitate information gathering and promote understanding
- enabling newcomers to Kew to meet other residents and become part of the Village life, periodically holding events which help to publicise the Society's presence in the community, or which provide information thought to be of interest to its members. Face to face meetings have not been possible during the COVID -19 pandemic.

Risk Assessments and operational procedures

The Kew Society Executive Committee reviewed its Risk Assessment procedures at the end of 2019. We have Risk Assessments for Kew Society Governance and Financial Management, Operational and Regulatory Matters, Events and Gardening Activities. These have been kept under review during 2020-2021. Due to the continuing emergency of the COVID-19 pandemic during the last year we have maintained deputies for Officers and others with management roles so that cover would be available in the event of anyone falling ill. All members of the Executive Committee have access to our Google Drive Archive of Committee Documents and Reports from 2012 to the present time. The Executive Committee has continued to meet monthly by teleconferencing during the pandemic.

Activities and Achievements of the Kew Society, 1st August 2020 - 31st July 2021

Several sub-committees and teams, each led by a Trustee, have responsibility for considering planning issues, environmental issues, organising events, and for the Society gardening projects in Kew. Each reports to the monthly Executive Committee meeting.

Planning

The Planning Sub-Committee comprises Alice Shackleton [Trustee and Lead], John Ricketts [Trustee], and Roger Mason [Trustee], assisted on occasion by Stephen Speak (Trustee). The Sub-Committee scrutinises and comments on planning applications in Kew and surrounding areas impacting on Kew, attends and presents at public hearings and informs Kew Society members and other residents on planning matters. The Planning Sub- Committee considered a large number of applications during 2020-2021. Some of these are summarised below. Our detailed comments on some of the developments, submitted to Richmond Council or Mayor Khan, can be found on our website, <https://www.kewsociety.org>

Major Developments impacting on Kew

- The Homebase Site, Manor Rd.** The Mayor of London took over as the planning authority for the original application to build a 385 apartment, car-free, development at this site after its refusal by Richmond Council as it failed to meet affordable housing targets. Subsequent negotiations between the Mayor and the developer increased the amount of affordable housing but increased the height of some buildings up to 11 stories, almost double that allowed by Richmond Council's Local Plan Policy LP2. The Kew Society submitted comments to the Mayor vigorously opposing these revised plans. John Ricketts, Kew Society Planning Trustee, ably represented us at a Public Hearing in October 2020, but the Mayor approved the scheme. However, given the high level of local comments against it, the scheme was referred to the Secretary of State for Housing. He decided not to call it in, so the Mayor's decision stands. This sits oddly with the Secretary of State's insistence set out in the new London Plan - which came into effect in March 2021 - "ensure that [tall buildings] are only brought forward in appropriate and clearly defined areas, as determined by the boroughs".
- Mortlake Brewery redevelopment.** The Kew Society opposed the initial planning application for this huge development in 2018. It included over 800 housing units, retail outlets, a school, and reconfiguration of Chalkers Corner. We focused on opposing the latter which would have had adverse traffic and air pollution impacts for Kew. The Mortlake Brewery Community Group (MBCG) and other local groups submitted comprehensive critiques on other aspects of the development. However, Richmond Council approved those parts of the application relating to housing, retail outlets and the school but, taking account of the potential adverse effects on air quality, refused the developer permission to reconfigure Chalkers Corner. The Mayor of London then "called in" the application and, at his request, the developer increased the provision of affordable housing (only a minimum of 12% initially). However, in doing so they further increased the height and density of this very large development, increasing the number of units by 40%, which would have increased the population of Mortlake by up to 90%. The Kew Society submitted further comments opposing the development. The Mayor finally refused the revised application at a public hearing in July 2021 citing inadequate levels and type of affordable housing and the unacceptable impact of the additional height and massing on historic buildings, riverside views and neighbouring residents.

Brentford Developments.

We monitor developments in Brentford which may have adverse effects on the UNESCO World Heritage status of Kew heritage sites like The Royal Botanic Gardens Kew (RBGK), or on further traffic congestion and air pollution in and around Kew. We have strong links with Brentford groups

such as The Brentford Community Council and Brentford Voice and are in frequent contact to discuss our approaches to these developments. Some are listed below.

- **The Chiswick Curve.** Following a Public Inquiry in 2018 in which The Kew Society strongly opposed the developer's proposals to build a 32-storey tower adjacent to Chiswick Roundabout, the Secretary of State refused planning permission, overturning the Planning Inspector's positive recommendation to the Mayor. His decision was confirmed by the High Court following an appeal by the developer. The developer has now revised his proposals to a 21-storey tower block, to be known as Holly House, and carried out a Q&A consultation on this in February 2021. We will examine any planning application when it is submitted. The environmental problems associated with this site and the infrastructure available to support a large-scale housing development here have not materially improved since 2018.
- **Watermans Arts Centre, High Street Brentford.** Despite objections from The Kew Society and others, in 2018 Hounslow Council approved an application to build three blocks of flats, 6-7 stories high, on the site. Subsequently the scheme was called in by the Secretary of State, following objections from Historic England over its adverse visual impact on RBGK across the river which The Kew Society supported. A Virtual Inquiry was held in October 2020. However, the Secretary of State approved the scheme in March 2021. The Arts Centre will move to the site of the former Brentford police station in Half Acre.
- **B&Q site, Chiswick Roundabout (Hudson Square, The Fourth Mile).** The developer has proposed a massive development which includes a technical showcase for the automotive industry (attracting up to 2 million visitors a year), a 219-bed hotel, 3 blocks containing 278 flats retail space and a new public square at the heart of the complex. The Kew Society opposed this development in January 2020 (see Trustees Report, AGM 2020). The GLA issued an interim ('Stage 1') report in March 2020 stating that "whilst the scheme is generally acceptable in principle, the application does not fully comply with the London Plan". In response, the applicant submitted detailed revised plans in February 2021, including a reduction in height of the hotel by 11.65m and of block C by 12.8m. Further documents have been submitted since, but no decision has yet been reached.
- **Tesco and Homebase sites, Syon Lane, Isleworth.** These two sites, either side of the junction of Syon Lane with the Great West Road by the Gillette Tower, may seem an unlikely development for The Kew Society's attention. However, providing 2,000 housing units in tower blocks several of which are between 15-17 storeys high, they will be visible from RBGK, impacting on the historic Arcadian views across the River from the Syon Vista, a landscape created by

Capability Brown. The Kew Society submitted objections to the scheme because of this in November 2020. The developer posted revised documents in January 2021 but with no changes in height or massing of the buildings. After consulting with RBG Kew's planning consultant we submitted further objections and photographs in February 2021 confirming that the Views would be materially harmed, contrary to the developer's contention. Hounslow Council approved the planning application in May 2021, acknowledging that there would be harm to heritage assets, including RBGK, but that this was outweighed by the benefits of the scheme. Hounslow referred the application to the Mayor Khan because of its size, and in September he approved it. We must now await the Secretary of State's decision on whether to call the scheme in.

Hounslow Council's decision follows a decision by the Secretary of State for Housing when he approved an Inquiry recommendation for approval of the Citroen site development in Brentford, in September 2020, commenting that although the scheme will cause "moderate harm" to RBGK, this will be outweighed by the benefits provided by extra housing.

- **250 Gunnersbury Avenue (Power Road) Chiswick.** The developer sought permission for a redevelopment of this low-rise industrial site for a mixed use 11-13 storey building for light industrial flexible workspace, a café and 204 co-living units with shared communal space. We believed that this 54m high building may have an adverse effect on views from the RBGK and submitted comments to that effect. Hounslow Council refused the application. Mayor Khan allowed Hounslow's decision to go ahead in October 2020.
- **London Road Brentford.** The two storey Royal Mail Sorting Office on London Road opposite the Half Moon Close entrance to Syon Park will be replaced with buildings up to 23.5m height. The Kew Society recommended that the application be rejected as it stands, principally because it failed to provide a meaningful analysis of the impact on heritage assets such as the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew and the Grade 1 listed Syon Park. Hounslow Council approved the application in May 2021.

Smaller developments impacting on Kew.

We examine all planning applications in the Kew area but comment only on those we feel need support for the community's amenity, or those which are out of keeping with the character of the neighbourhood or a conservation area. Some examples are given below to illustrate the range of problems encountered

- **Kew Pavilion, Kew Green (Kew Cricket Club).** This application was to replace the existing 2-bay non-fenced cricket nets with a 3-

bay retractable net system and metal security fencing. Kew Cricket Club, Kew Green Preparatory School and its sister school over the river, Kew House School, would have use of the nets for cricket and other physical education activities. We objected to the proposal on the grounds that a public facility will become a private facility, that its design is harmful to the heritage assets/setting and that it does not accord with policies promoting health and wellbeing for all. It also does not comply with the aims of the Kew Green Management Plan January 2020 – December 2021. The application was withdrawn after the Council announced that it would not support it.

- **32 Haverfield Gardens, TW9 3DD.** The site currently has 22 garages and one house on it. It is a largish site with an accessway to Haverfield Gardens. The application is to demolish the house and 22 garages and construct five three-storey dwellings, with hard and soft landscaping, parking and associated infrastructure. We submitted an objection to the proposal in its present form. In principle The Kew Society supports the residential development of this site, but considers the development as proposed to be on too large a scale and not in keeping with the character of the Kew Green Conservation Area. We recommended that, at the very least, the proposed south-easternmost house be reduced in height to two above-ground storeys.
- **5G Telecom mast by Broome Court, Sandycombe Road.** An application has been made to install a 20-metre-high 5G telecoms mast by the bus stop outside Broome Court, opposite Station Parade. The mast would be about double the height of the building and this structure and associated cabinets would be highly obtrusive. The applicant carried out little meaningful local consultation and the four local schools received only two weeks' notice prior to the application being submitted. The Kew Society objected on the grounds of both appearance and poor siting. By virtue of its height and the module and antennae at or near the top of the pole it will adversely impact the skyline. There could hardly be a worse site for this apparatus when considering the context: intrusive, incongruous, visible from several vantage points that would harm the character and appearance of the area. We await the Council's decision.
- **77 North Road, TW9 4HQ.** This application is for substantial alterations for a change of use from a doctor's surgery to a Class E (f) nursery. Two previous applications to change the use to a 4-bedroom house were refused on grounds of the loss of medical facilities. With the recent introduction of Use Class E there is no change of use for planning purposes to change from surgery to nursery. We submitted observations saying that The Kew Society is supportive of the site being a day nursery, but we have concerns arising from the proposed scale of the development (physically and numbers of children and staff). The extensive alterations are

considered overbearing and too large in the context of the residential area in which it is situated. Despite acoustic fencing, there could be considerable noise from the numbers of children playing outside. No indication is given on how many children will be playing outside at any one time, or whether this will be continuous throughout the nursery day. Traffic generation will be roughly double that of the doctor's surgery and the provision of parking onsite is low and does not meet the Richmond Local Plan's suggested figure. We suggested therefore, that if permission is granted, there be conditions restricting hours of use to weekdays (not weekends or holidays); restrictions on the number of children playing outside at any one time; and that the applicant provides a travel plan stressing walking, cycling and public transport.

- **175 Sandycombe Road TW9 2EN.** This application for a single storey extension and air source heat pump is included here because of the heat pump and its potential for noise, especially relevant in a terrace of small, closely situated houses such as this. In principle heat pumps are highly desirable. However, there is a noise element and, in this application, the estimated decibel level of 53 seems to be taken from the manufacturer's technical sales sheet. What was not provided was any assessment of the impact of noise on the neighbours. This, for instance, was provided in the conditions of approval for the Sandycombe Centre application. We commented on this aspect and suggested that the applicant must provide a proper noise assessment relative to the neighbours as well as to the proposed occupants. The Council refused permission, one of the grounds being the absence of a noise assessment to confirm that the air source heat pump would not cause harm to living conditions of nearby occupants. The proposal was considered to give rise to unacceptable noise impact that would adversely impact on the amenity of nearby occupants. Hence the proposal was contrary to Policy LP8 of the Local Plan (2018) and the Supplementary Planning Document on Development Control for Noise Generating and Noise Sensitive Development.
- **17 Hartington Road, Chiswick.** We objected to two previous applications in 2020 to build four and five new townhouses in the rear garden of 17 Hartington Road, Chiswick. The garden occupies the land between the listed house and the river bank. We opposed this on the grounds that it represented an overdevelopment of the site to the detriment of the main Grade-II listed building and would have an unacceptable adverse impact on the view from the south bank of this stretch of the Thames. The first application was withdrawn and the second was refused by Hounslow Council. A new application was submitted in July 2021 for two sets of two semi-detached houses, with a central gap between the two pairs, so there would no longer be a continuous terrace across the main width of the garden, as with the previous applications. However, the Kew Society supported other local groups in opposing the new application because the four proposed new riverside houses still

represent an intrusive overdevelopment of the site to the detriment of the main house. It would also have an unacceptably adverse impact on the view from the south bank of this stretch of the Thames. The development fails to promote the distinctive qualities of the Grove Park Conservation Area in which it sits. A decision is awaited from Hounslow Council.

Consultations.

We responded to the Consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework amendments and the National Model Design Code.

Environment

The work of the Environment Sub-Committee (Venetia Harper [Trustee and Lead], Stephen Speak [Trustee] and Roger Mason [Trustee]) ranges from taking an active role in those groups focusing on preserving the historic Thames Riverside, interacting with the Council and Network Rail over graffiti issues, to promoting public awareness of our poor air quality and seeking changes to improve it. We also continued to be involved in discussions about the Kew Road Cycle Lane and its ramifications. We also have representatives on the Old Deer Park Working Group Committee (Stephen Speak, Roger Mason) and on Richmond Heathrow Campaign Committee (Roger Mason, Nora Dennehy).

- **Graffiti (Venetia Harper).** Kew has experienced graffiti over a number of years but there has been an explosion in 2020-2021 in terms of its frequency, number of sites affected and the large area of some of the sprayed locations, for example, Chiswick Bridge underpass. Favoured locations are the pedestrian bridges at Kew Gardens Station and between North Rd and Sandycombe Rd, walls of properties beside the west side of the railway line, the Mortlake Rd railway bridge and pedestrian tunnel and the Riverside. There has been discussion about graffiti and our attempts to get it cleared at virtually every one of the Society's Committee meetings. VH has led our anti-graffiti campaign, persisting throughout the year in reporting new graffiti to Richmond Council and in discussing clearing it with them, Network Rail, Transport for London and Ward Councillors. The Council have generally responded positively, especially when graffiti of a pornographic or racist nature is reported. TfL have responded and reacted slowly but have cleaned one bout of graffiti from Kew Bridge. The SW London GLA member helped us to get a response from TfL. Network Rail have received our reports and complaints affably – and have done nothing to clear or prevent graffiti on their property, or property beside the line! They did agree to supply paint for a work gang organised by The Kew Society to paint out the extensive graffiti on the High Park Road rail bridge. Cllr. Campanale joined the gang, chased delivery of the

paint and organised barriers to protect those painting from passing traffic. Terry Causer, a local decorator, organised the group and painted large areas himself. RM has had discussion with the Kew Safer Neighbourhood team at the Police Liaison Committee. They believe that most graffiti in Kew is done by locals and not by vandals from elsewhere.

- **Riverbank Groups** (Venetia Harper). VH continues to attend meetings of the Thames Landscape Strategy Group (TLS) and the West London River Group (WLRG). All meetings have been by teleconferencing during the pandemic. The Kew Society responded to a survey for the first 10 Year Review of the Thames Estuary 2100 Plan last year. Subsequently the Port of London Authority planned repair work on the revetments between Jubilee Gardens and Barnes Railway Bridge but this has not yet started. In conjunction with the Council, the West London River Group raised funds for the elms which have been planted along the towpath in front of the cemetery.

The Kew Society invited Jason Debney(JD), co-ordinator of the Thames Landscape Strategy (TLS), to address the Society in a webinar on The Rewilding of the Arcadian Thames (see Events). Following this VH discussed with JD how Society members could become involved in projects relating to this within the boundaries of Kew and a small sub-committee met to consider JD's suggestions. Likely projects are recruiting citizen scientists for a hydraulic survey of ground water levels around the King's Observatory; introducing traditional willow spilling into the habitat between the towpath and the golf course, replacing the vertical revetments; greening the revetments along the towpath between Ferry Lane and the RBGK Brentford Gate; and possibly, in the future, re-opening a footpath between the towpath and Kew Rd just outside the southern boundary of RBGK. The latter would require the agreement of many agencies and all projects are dependent on TLS funding. The Kew Society was pleased to learn in July 2021 that TLS has received funding of around £550,000 for the Rewilding Arcadia Project, so it is likely that joint projects with our Society will go ahead later this year.

- **Air Quality and Climate Change** (Roger Mason). The Environmental Health Manager (Air Quality) for Richmond Council convened meetings of an Air Quality Monitoring Group in November 2020 and July 2021. This brings together Council Officers, Cllr Ehmann (chair, LBRuT Transport and AQ committee) and representatives of community groups interested in air quality to discuss air quality in the Borough. RM represented The Kew Society at these meetings. Generally, air quality in the Borough improved during the lockdown, reflecting the decreased use of cars. Only 12 sites in the Borough exceeded the legal limit for NO₂ compared with

29 the year before. PM10 levels across the London were only marginally affected by the lockdown. It is thought that much PM10 pollution is blown in by E or NE winds from industrial sites in northern Europe.

- **Royal Parks Movement Strategy Consultation** (Stephen Speak). The Society provided feedback to The Royal Parks (TRP) Movement Strategy trials at Richmond Park. We observed that the trial road closures had successfully reduced vehicular traffic to the north (at the weekends) and east of the park, improving the environment in those areas. However anecdotal comments by residents indicate that the restrictions may have displaced traffic to the western roads. We reiterated our comments to the initial Movement Strategy consultation that the route to Kingston Hospital from either Richmond or Sheen Gate must be accessible for blue light vehicles responding to an emergency. Overall, The Kew Society is cautiously supportive of the trial arrangements but retains some concerns. A negative repercussion of quieter park roads is that training cyclists are regularly exceeding the speed limit and aggressive cycling by some is causing harm to other people's enjoyment of the park (including slower cyclists). We urged TRP to make more use of physical measures to reduce the speed of the fastest cyclists. The impact of COVID-19 has changed how visitors use Richmond Park. Thus, we suggested that until a "new normal" is established TRP should not make irreversible alterations to the network based on the trial and consultation results.
- **Kew Green one-way system** (Roger Mason). The Society continued its dialogue with Richmond Council opposing its plans to introduce a one-way system around Kew Green and to route coaches visiting RBGK around it to drop and pick up their passengers at The Elizabeth Gate, within the World Heritage Site (see Trustees Report, AGM 2020). We proposed that, in particular, school coaches, which form the majority of visiting coaches, should use the large bus stops on Kew Road on either side of the junction with The Avenue to drop and pick up passengers before parking elsewhere. These bus stops are a short walk to the education facilities near the Victoria Gate of RBGK and we believe that rapid drop-off and pick-up could be actively managed with little disruption to either the 65 Bus, or danger to cyclists in the cycle lanes. The bus stops are already used by school buses to pick up and drop off local children attending schools in Hampton. We also made these proposals to Mayor Khan's Commissioner for Walking and Cycling, but to no avail.
- **Traveller incursions of Kew Green** (Roger Mason). Traveller caravans invaded Kew Green over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend and stayed for several days until moved on following a court order against them granted to the Council. The travellers' visit followed shortly after the High Court had discharged an earlier Traveller Injunction which had allowed rapid action to be taken against them

by Council officers. A second incursion occurred later in the summer, the travellers again being moved on after the Council initiated rapid legal action. RM discussed these events with Cllr. Lotte Campanale and with the Richmond Council's Parks Manager, especially whether the gaps in the present white rail fencing around the Green could be closed, completely enclosing it. This is still under review, but the Council's current preference is to use legal action rather than barriers to deter unlawful access. Officers report that unauthorised incursions by travellers into parks in other parts of the Borough have occurred after power tools have been used to cut through barriers. An added complication to erecting more fencing is that Kew Green is Crown Estate and permission would be required for any material alterations following a public consultation on potential changes. The Council has lodged an appeal with the Court of Appeal regarding the recently discharged Traveller Injunction. If successful, this will give them the power to move travellers on within 24 hours with assistance from bailiffs.

- **Step-Free Access at Kew Gardens Station** (Roger Mason, Stephen Speak, Nora Dennehy). The Deputy Director for Traffic and Engineering at Richmond Council, Mr Nick O'Donnell, has assured The Kew Society that The Council remains fully supportive of the proposal to build a bridge accessed by lifts between the platforms at Kew Gardens Station. This follows the publication of the Feasibility Study commissioned by The Kew Society last year (see Trustees Report, AGM 2020). He believes that the preferred option selected by The Society's panel of Trustees and transport professionals from eight different schemes offered in the Study remains the correctly identified one. Kew Ward Councillors are also supportive. However, funding this project is very challenging in the post-pandemic world, with the finances of major stakeholders such as TfL and Network Rail in a precarious state. The Kew Society remains hopeful that the publication of The National Disability Strategy in June 2021 may be accompanied by Government approving further funding for schemes such as "Access for All" which previously financed the building of similar bridges in other stations across the country.
- **E-Scooters and E-Bikes (Stephen Speak).** In April the Society responded to the Council's consultation regarding the Borough's participation in TfL's trial of E-Scooters and E-Bikes. The Council planned to convert vehicle parking bays into bike and scooter parking at four locations in our area of interest. We objected to both of the proposed locations on West Kew Green, principally because the Council had also announced it wanted to convert this road into one-way operation. To comply with the law a hirer would be required to scoot or cycle all the way around the Green (paying for each minute of their hire) and be forced to exit onto the South Circular at the acutely dangerous junction just south of Kew Bridge. Adding to

the risks was the Council's requirement that coaches for RBG Kew must now use Elizabeth Gate to drop off and pick up their passengers. We commented that riders will likely make a personal safety call and avoid these problems by travelling the shorter distance going the wrong way on the road and/or use the pavements. We commented that re-designating car parking spaces on Station Approach to parking for E-Scooters and E-Bikes could affect trade at the local shops given that there is often quite high pressure for spaces.

In general comments, we noted the risks for the visually impaired and less mobile people due to an E-Scooter's silent approach, their higher potential for causing injury to riders and pedestrians, and the increasing use of E-Scooters by snatch and grab thieves. Apart from moving one of the spaces on Kew Green due to its conflict with plans for a taxi rank, the Council subsequently implemented the proposals.

- **The Old Deer Park Working Group** (Stephen Speak, Roger Mason for The Kew Society, ODPWG chair Peter Willan) is comprised of representatives from The Richmond Society, The Kew Society, Friends of Richmond Green, Friends of Old Deer Park and the St Margaret's Estate Residents Association. It continues its work with Richmond Council Officers to preserve and enhance the Old Deer Park. It has opposed several proposals during the last year such as an application to install a 24 metre high telecom mast near the SW corner of the Old Deer Park Car Park and an application for Advertising Consent to erect a large LED matrix sign board on the Kew Road frontage of the Old Deer Park Sports Ground. Both applications were subsequently refused by Richmond Council. The Group also responded to the promoter of the Richmond Skatepark Association expressing views about the unsuitability of sites they proposed for a concrete skateboarding facility in the Old Deer Park.
- **Richmond Heathrow Campaign** (Roger Mason, Nora Dennehy for The Kew Society, RHC chair Peter Willan). The RHC committee comprises representatives from The Richmond Society, The Kew Society and Friends of Richmond Green. It continued its activities throughout the lockdown, responding to a number of important consultations. These included a response to the Department for Transport's consultation on Night Flight Restrictions; a response to a Heathrow Consultation on Slightly Steeper Approaches and a response to HM Treasury's consultation on Aviation Tax Reform. These and other activities of the RHC are more fully reported on its web page <https://www.richmondheathrowcampaign.org>

The Kew Society Gardening Projects

- **Kew Society gardens** (Richard Jaggard, Head Gardener). The gardens maintained by Kew Society volunteers are a very public part of the Society's activities. They beautify our environment but also advertise the Society to passers-by who frequently admire them and stop to have a chat to our gardeners. Starting with an ambitious idea several years ago by former Society chair, Caroline Brock, to turn the Kew Gardens Station platform gardens into beautiful spaces, we now also maintain gardens at the North Road junction with High Park Avenue; the triangular and rectangular beds in Kew Village; the border and wild flower garden around the Kew Green War Memorial, the rejuvenated St Anne's Churchyard, and plantings on Kew Plaza. Maintaining all these gardens requires an ever-expanding band of committed and enthusiastic gardeners and organisation. Our Head Gardener managed this with flair over the last year, but has retired from the post recently since his commitments will require him to spend more time in Germany in the coming years. We are indebted to him for his leadership and the splendid results he has achieved along with the team of volunteers. We are pleased to announce the appointment of a new Head Gardener, Kew Society member, Anna Anderson. Anna is already one of the Society's volunteer gardeners and maintains her own garden at home to the high standard required for opening it to the public through the National Open Garden Scheme.
- **The Station Platform Gardens.** We maintain these in partnership with the railway garden charity, Energy Gardens, and are indebted to them for financial and gardening support. Our gardeners had a nice surprise at the end of last year when Energy Gardens provided them with bottles of beer made from hops grown at one of their other station gardens to thank them for their effort! Hops were subsequently included in our own plantings at Kew Gardens Station and we are looking forward to contributing to the 2021 brew! The borders at the station have been well-maintained throughout the year, despite COVID-19 restrictions dictating that volunteers had to work in isolation rather than together early in the year. Periods of drought in 2020 damaged some plants which had to be replaced. Plantings under the pedestrian bridge beside Kew Plaza, including camellias, have transformed a previously barren area. We are grateful to Hugo Tugman at his "Huge Creative Workshop" for use of his water in dry spells.
- **Kew Plaza.** The Plaza became a busy social hub on the east side of Kew Gardens Station in 2021 after the easing of the lockdown with the addition of Torelli's coffee house, the renovation of Café Pagoda and the continuing success of Café Yukari. We are grateful to all three businesses for their support to the Society's gardening effort, including the donation of plants and help with watering.

- **North Rd junction with High Park Avenue.** We would like to acknowledge the continued hard work of Society members, Daphne and John Turner, who keep this garden in such spectacular condition through thick and thin. We would also like to recognise the hard work of their family members who have been drafted in by their parents/grandparents to help at key moments.
- **Kew Village beds.** These have matured considerably over the past year. There have been new plantings and some replacement plantings to repair drought damage and unauthorised removal of some ornamental grasses in the spring! We are grateful to Alan Russell at The Kew Greenhouse for giving us access to their water.
- **St Anne's churchyard and the War Memorial.** The replanting of the Churchyard has been our biggest gardening project since the Station gardens were rejuvenated. The project received strong support from Nigel Worn, the vicar, as well as the Churchwarden, Friends of St Anne's and the church's gardening volunteers. The planting was funded through a grant from LBRUT's Civic Pride Fund to The Kew Society. Continental Landscapes, the Council's grounds maintenance contractor, helped with the planting as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility. New sweet-scented shrubs were planted in November and February and have settled in well, with some of the philadelphi flowering and giving us an idea of how lovely their scent will be as the shrubs mature. Continental Landscapes has also helped with the management of the wildflower areas both in the churchyard as well as around the War Memorial. The addition of red poppies in the churchyard border was particularly well received by passers-by providing an irresistible photographic opportunity for many.
- The results of our gardeners' efforts have been photographed throughout the seasons by Nora Dennehy, our Vice Chair, and posted on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts, as well as being shared with the Community via the Kew Village notice board, reaching a wide audience of both members and non-member followers and receiving appreciative comments from far-flung corners of the globe including the USA.

Kew Society Events

Our Events Team (Mary Done [Trustee and Lead], Sue May, Jane Hogan) organised an interesting programme of live events between August – December 2020 but the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic meant that they had to be postponed to comply with Government regulations.

By autumn 2020, with COVID cases anticipated to further increase, it was clear that we should abandon the idea of resuming live meetings and commence organising events online to keep our members focused and in

touch. To do this we have been greatly aided by Lee Oliver, Head of Visitor Experience at the National Archives, and his excellent team. They have provided the platform and technical support for all our webinars, starting with our Annual General Meeting in October 2020. We are very grateful to them, especially since their technical support has ensured that the webinars have been virtually free of problems.

- The successful virtual 2020 AGM encouraged our Events Team to relook at topics for talks and organise a series of webinars to replace live meetings. We are grateful to all the excellent speakers who agreed to take part in what, for many of them, was their first experience of lecturing on-line to a remote audience. Our colleagues at The National Archives ensured that all were prepared for this by holding technical briefings for each speaker in advance of their webinar.
- The first webinar in December 2020 was a fascinating talk on the 'History of Heathrow' by Anne-Marie Purcell, Archivist at the University of West London, whose document collections include one on the airport.
- In January 2021, Dr Margaret Wilson, Honorary Curator at the British Dental Association educated us on dental history and plants. Her talk was entitled 'The Good, The Bad and The Ugly!'
- This was followed in February by a talk from Jason Debney, Co-ordinator of The Thames Landscape Strategy (TLS) and an old friend of the Society, who updated and inspired listeners about the Rewilding of the Arcadian Thames. One result of his talk will be further opportunities for Kew Society members to volunteer to help on TLS projects on our part of the Thames (see Environments section of this report).
- In March we held a joint webinar with The Richmond Local History Society. Stephen Bartlett, local historian, addressed us on the early history of Kew's Lawn Crescent, a topic of great interest to members of both Societies judging from the size of the on-line audience.
- The April webinar was given by the well-known author and historian, Tracy Borman. She gave an intriguing talk about "Henry VIII and the Men Who Made Him", the subject of her recently published book.
- The month of May saw an appropriately titled webinar to celebrate the coming of spring to our part of the world, "The Flowering of Kew Gardens – In Art". This was given by Chris Mills, former head of the Library, Art and Archives at RBGK.
- Another RBGK specialist, Mark Nesbitt, Ethnobotanist and Curator of the Economic Botany Collection gave a talk in June based on his new book "Just The Tonic – a natural history of tonic water". He was joined by Kim Walker of RBGK and Royal Holloway College, University of London, who ended the talk with a demonstration of how to make a rather special G&T!
- The Society's "year" ended in July with biographer Peter Fullagar speaking about "Connecting Woolf to Kew and Richmond", the topic

of his recently published book exploring the influence of our area on Virginia Woolf when she was a resident of Richmond.

Admission to all the Society's webinars has been offered free to both members and other interested parties. Usually, the webinars have attracted about 80-100 participants online, as many as would have attended a live meeting. We began to record the webinars from Dr Wilson's talk onwards and these recordings are available to view on the Society's web pages.

With the relaxation this summer of the rules governing activities during the pandemic, The Kew Society is turning its attention back to "live events". These have included a Kew Society stand at the Kew Horticultural Society Summer Show, (late August Bank Holiday) and the September Kew Village Market. It was brilliant to have the opportunity to chat to members who stopped to say "hello" and to non-members who showed a keen interest in our display boards on planning applications etc., some of whom have joined the Society as a result of this contact. Our third event was an informal picnic party on a balmy September night using the Pocket Park outside area of The National Archives.

Communications and Membership

In the absence of live events during the pandemic, keeping in touch with the membership through other forms of communication has been particularly important. The Trustees are pleased to report that our membership currently numbers over 760 compared to about 780 at the start of the pandemic. A greater number of people than usual did not renew their membership in September 2020. However, others have joined since then, welcomed by our membership secretary, Michael Fletcher. Regrettably, we have not been able to hold our customary drinks receptions for new members but these will resume, COVID-19 regulations permitting, in the coming year. Our total number of members is now only just short of pre-pandemic levels, despite there being few opportunities for active recruitment. We believe that several channels of communication helped us to stay in touch with the community and have contributed to this stability:-

- **The Kew Society Newsletter** (Claire Bethel, Trustee and Editor, assisted by Paul Bethel). We have continued to produce quarterly Newsletters, but they have been enlarged from four to eight pages. They are available online and hard copies have been produced for those who do not have electronic forms of communication. Hard copies of some issues have been delivered to the whole membership. The richly illustrated Newsletters have carried reports on many of the Society's activities on planning, environmental and

Heathrow issues, and on gardening. There have also been interviews with local traders and other people and articles on the pandemic.

- **A Kew Miscellany** (Roger Mason, Trustee, assisted by Nick Hutchings, Webmaster, and Sue May). It was clear early in the pandemic that we would not be able to achieve, through meetings, one of the Society's constitutional objectives - to educate the membership about our local history and culture. Thus, we started A Kew Miscellany, a regular email from the Chair to Members, which contains an article of local historical or cultural interest and gives links to related lectures and online events etc., in our area. 33 issues of the Miscellany have gone out since the pandemic started and have proved popular with the membership. We have been very fortunate to have a number of members write one or more articles specifically for the Miscellany, especially John Moses, local historian, and to have the valuable co-operation of Robert Smith, Chair of the Richmond History Society and editor of Richmond History who has allowed us to reprint articles previously published in that journal. We are very grateful to all.
- **The Kew Society Social Media platforms** (Nora Dennehy, Trustee and Public Relations). ND has regularly posted items of Kew Society news, accompanied by informative and often stunning photographs, on our social media platforms over the year. She has steadily built up these platforms so that The Kew Society now has 1038 followers on Instagram, 723 followers on Twitter and 604 followers on Facebook. Importantly, posts on these platforms reach beyond The Kew Society membership, helping to promote our activities in the wider community.

We have missed the opportunity to talk to members and others at the Kew Society stalls (Mary Done, Trustee, assisted by Sue May and manned by the Trustees and other helpers). In pre-pandemic times they were a regular feature at Kew Village Sunday Markets, The Kew Summer Fair and The Kew Horticultural Society Summer Show but were not possible during the period of this report. Poster boards on planning and other issues at the Stalls allow us to discuss such matters face to face with the community. We are pleased to report that they have restarted with the 2021 August Kew Horticultural Show and the September Sunday Market. Regulations allowing, they will continue to be an important feature of Kew Society communication in the year ahead.

Patrons

We thank our Patrons for their interest in the Kew Society and for their support.

Summary

The Chair and Executive Committee believe that they have met the criteria inherited and listed as the Objects of the Society and that the above is evidence of Developments, Activities and Achievements.

THE KEW SOCIETY
(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2021

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements for the period 1st August 2020 to 31st July 2021. The Trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the CIO's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 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) as revised in March 2018.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The general objective of the charity is to maintain and enhance the area of Kew and the area immediately adjacent.

The Trustees have given due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in accordance with section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Incoming resources during the year amounted to £7,984 (2020: £16,379). Resources expended on charitable activities in the year totalled £4,935 (2020: £13,914). Governance costs amounted to £250 (2020: £160).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, and is therefore governed by its Constitution. The Charitable Incorporated Organisation was incorporated and registered as a charity on 12 May 2017 (registered number 1173016).

The Charity's affairs are conducted by the Trustees who meet regularly and have the power to appoint new Trustees at their discretion. New Trustees appointed in this way must put themselves forward for reappointment at the next Annual General Meeting of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Trustees are required to familiarise themselves with the guidance provided to Trustees by the Charity Commission but the charity does not have any formal programme for the induction and training of new Trustees. C Bethel performs the day to day affairs at the principal address of the charity: 13 Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 4DR.

RISK FACTORS

The Trustees have carried out a risk assessment and this is reviewed on a regular basis throughout the year.

**TRUSTEES' FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY
2021**

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The Trustees consider the activities of the charity to be satisfactory during the year. The charity expects further income in the following years to meet the costs of meeting its obligations as a charity. A detailed review of the activities of the charity is available separately.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Trustees have reviewed the Charity's need for reserves in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.

Unrestricted funds are needed to provide funds which can be designated to specific projects to enable these projects to be undertaken and to cover administration and support costs without which the charity could not function. The Trustees consider it prudent that unrestricted reserves should be sufficient to cover a minimum of one year's administration and support costs and to ensure that sufficient funds are maintained to enable the Trustees to fund known future commitments. The level of reserves are monitored and reviewed by the Trustees on an annual basis.

Restricted funds equal to approximately three year's incoming resources have been set aside so as to be able to engage professional advice on planning matters in a timely manner.

The results for the prior year have been inflated through the receipt of a one-off grant of £7,600 from the Community Fund, now called the Village Fund. This grant was intended to part-fund the feasibility study into step-free access at Kew Gardens station and was so used. The total cost of the study came to £9,120. This grant has not been included in the calculation of necessary restricted funds.

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

The future plan of the Charity is to continue to maintain and enhance the area of Kew and the area immediately adjacent.

ASSET COVER FOR FUNDS

Note 11 sets out an analysis of the assets attributable to the various funds.

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TRUSTEES' FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY
2021

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Trustees to prepare a statement of accounts for each financial year. Under The Charities Act 2011 the Trustees must not approve the statement of accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation for that period. In preparing the statement of account, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charitable Incorporated Organisation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation and enable them to ensure that the statement of accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 7 September 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

Professor R Mason
Trustee & Chair

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES ON THE PREPARATION
OF THE UNAUDITED STATUTORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE KEW
SOCIETY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY
2021**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2021.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention .

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Lesley Pasricha, Chartered
Accountant 23 Front Street,
Portesham
Weymouth DT3 4ET

September 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating Income and expenditure
account) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST
JULY 2021

	Note	Restrict ed 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
INCOME FROM:					
Membership subscriptions and	2	--	6,579	6,579	6,404
Other income	3		1,405	1,405	9,975
TOTAL INCOME			7,984	7,984	16,379
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable					
activities:	4	-	4,835	4,83	13,91
Governance costs	5	-	250	25	160
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		-	5,085	5,08	
NET INCOME BEFORE OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		-	2,899	2,899	2,305
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		-	2,899	2,899	2,305
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:					
Total funds brought forward		15,000	14,307	29,307	27,002
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		15,000	17,206	32,206	29,307

The notes on pages 24 to 28 form part of these financial statements.

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 JULY
2021**

	Not	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors and prepayments	7	1,762		2,458	
Stock of postage stamps		620		320	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>30,484</u>		<u>27,317</u>	
		32,866		30,095	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within 12 months	8	<u>(446)</u>		<u>(528)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		-		-	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than 12 months			<u>(214)</u>		<u>(206)</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>32,206</u>		-
CHARITY FUNDS					
Restricted funds		15,000			15,000
Unrestricted funds		<u>17,206</u>			-
TOTAL FUNDS			<u>32,206</u>		-

The Trustees consider that the charity is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the charity to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 2 September 2020 and signed on their behalf, by:

Professor R Mason
Trustee & Chair

The notes on pages 24 to 28 form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Kew Society 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.

1.2 Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue, and so the going concern basis of accounting has been adopted.

1.3 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 charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are available only for the purposes for which they have been created

1.4 Income

Income from membership subscriptions and donations is included in the statement of financial activities when these are receivable, except as follows:

When members and donors specify that fees and donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods.

When donors impose conditions, which have to be fulfilled before the Trustees become entitled to use such income. The income is deferred and not included in incoming resources until the pre-conditions for use have been met.

All other incoming resources are included in the Statement of financial activities when the charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities and governance costs are accounted for on an accruals basis.

1.6 **Taxation**

No provision for taxation is included in the accounts as the Charity is entitled to exemption from tax.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.7 Financial instruments

The charity 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. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Restrict fund s 202 1	Unrestrict fund s 202 1	Tota fund s 202 1	<i>Total</i> <i>fund</i> <i>s</i> <i>202</i> <i>n</i>
Membership subscriptions	-	6,52	6,52	6,16
Donations	-	59	59	243
Total membership subscriptions and donations	-	-	-	-
<i>Total 2020</i>	-	-	-	-

3. OTHER INCOME

	Restrict d 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Tota l 2021 £	<i>Total</i> <i>l</i> <i>2020</i> <i>£</i>
Gift Aid	-	-	1,40	1,42
Surplus on self-funded events	-	0	0	819
Community Fund Grant	-	0	0	7,60
Interest Income	-	5	5	134
	-	-	1,40	9,975
	1,405	-	5	-
<i>Total 2020</i>	-	<u>9,975</u>	<u>9,975</u>	-

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4. EXPENDITURE BY CHARITABLE ACTIVITY

	Restrict ed	Unrestricted funds	Total	Total
	2021	2021	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Donations	-	940	940	640
Membership	-	520	520	665
subscriptions Printing and stationery		1,090	1,090	1,316
Society unfunded events		1,029	1,029	957
Planning and appeals		0	0	0
Gardening	-	767	767	382
Postage	-	199	199	815
Insurance	-	198	198	148
Website	-	72	72	485
Feasibility Study: step-free access at Kew Gardens Station	-	0	0	9,120
Contribution towards cost of Kew Noticeboard waived by Council		0	0	-2,000
		0	0	375
Signage for War Memorial		7	7	9
Bank charges	-	13	13	88
Sundry		4,835	4,835	13,000
Via designated funds:	-	0	0	914
2nd payment on plaque for Kew Bridge				
		4,835	4,835	13,914
Total 2020	-	13,914	13,914	

5. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Restricted fund s	Unrestrict ed fund s	Total fund s	Total fund s
	2021	2021	2021	2020
Fee of Independent Accountant	-	250	250	160
	-	250	250	16

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION

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None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses from the Charity during the year.

There were no employees during the year.

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7. DEBTORS

	2021 £	2020 £
Gift Aid	1,400	1,42
Other debtors and prepayments	362	1,037
	<u>1,762</u>	<u>2,458</u>

8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Subscriptions paid in advance: Due within 12 months	196	280
Other creditors	250	302
	<u>446</u>	<u>582</u>
Subscriptions paid in advance: Due after more than 12 months		<u>214</u>
	<u>206</u>	
	<u>660</u>	<u>788</u>

9. STATEMENT OF FUNDS

	Balance at 1 August 2020 £	Incomin g resource s £	Resource s expend d £	Balance at 31 July 2021
Unrestricted funds				
General funds:				
Designated funds	1,392		(1,392)	0
Plaque for Kew Bridge	12,915	9,376	(5,185)	17,106
Other reserves	14,307	9,376	(6,577)	17,106
Restricted funds	15,000	-	-	15,000
Restricted fund	<u>29,307</u>	<u>9,376</u>	<u>(6,577)</u>	<u>32,106</u>
Total of funds				

2020	<u>27,002</u>	<u>16,375</u>	<u>(14,074)</u>	<u>29,307</u>
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There have been no movements on restricted funds during the year ended 31 July 2021.

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10. SUMMARY OF FUNDS

	Balance at August	Incoming resources	Outgoings resources	Balance at July
	£	£	£	£
General funds	14,307	9,376	(6,57	17,10
Restricted funds	15,000	-	-	15,000
	<u>29,307</u>	<u>9,376</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,106</u>

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Current assets	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Current liabilities	-	17,766	17,766	15,09
Creditors due within 12 months	-	(446)	(446)	(582
Creditors due after more than 12 months	-	(214)	(214)	(206)
	<u>15,000</u>	<u>17,106</u>	<u>32,106</u>	<u>29,307</u>