

JEWELLERY AND SILVER SOCIETY OF OXFORD

England & Wales · Charity number 1184544

Details

Other names JASSO

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-07-23

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION OF THE FINE ARTS AND IN PARTICULAR THOSE ARTS CONNECTED WITH THE DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE OF JEWELLERY AND OTHER ARTICLES MADE FROM SILVER, GOLD AND OTHER PRECIOUS METALS AND STONES AND RELATED MATERIALS.

Activities: REGULAR SILVERSMITHING AND JEWELLERY MAKING CLASSES ARE HELD IN THE WORKSHOP AS WELL AS WEEKEND COURSES WITH FURTHER SPECIALISMS. WE NORMALLY PARTICIPATE IN OXFORD ARTWEEKS AND HAVE AN OPEN WORKSHOP FOR A WEEK. WE HAVE A BIENNIAL SELLING EXHIBITION OF MEMBERS' WORK AT THE OXFORDSHIRE MUSEUM, WOODSTOCK. WE ADVISE MEMBERS OF RELEVANT EXHIBITIONS AND LECTURES.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Oxfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-01-01	£19,032	£16,121	-	-
2024-01-01	£18,484	£15,099	-	-
2023-01-01	£15,301	£13,360	-	-
2022-01-01	£9,947	£10,456	-	-
2021-01-01	£8,288	£12,690	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ROSAMUND ANNE RIDDELL	Chair	2019-01-01
Benjamin James Pyper		2022-05-18
Dr Howard Steer		2019-07-01
Judith Anne Rowlands		2016-05-01
Prof Frederick John Wickens		2018-05-01

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2024 Trustees Report for the Jewellery and Silver Society of Oxford (JASSO)
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The workshop was open throughout the year with a significant increase in the usage. We ran a full set of classes throughout the year, covering jewellery, silversmithing and enamelling, and the open sessions on Wednesday evenings continue to be popular. Unfortunately, one of our two silversmithing tutors confirmed that he was not able to return as a regular tutor and to date we have not identified a suitable replacement. A number of the silversmithing members affected have now started an open session on the Wednesdays when there is no tutor available.

We were able to run week-end Master Classes throughout the year, with most attended by 8 people, plus the tutor. During the year we ran seven courses, three each of 1 day and 2 days, and one of 3 days (across 2 week-ends) . Topics covered were: making designing for jewellery; chasing and repousse; using Argentium (twice); wax casting; kiln enamelling; and making a bow brooch. This important aspect of our programme, which widens the knowledge of members to higher levels in some of the more specialist skills, remains popular thanks to the continued variety of courses.

In June we held the AGM where we also celebrated 50 years of JASSO's activity. Two of the Trustees stood down, as required by the constitution. However, they both were proposed and voted back, so the number of Trustees remains unchanged.

Membership decreased a little throughout the year – with 170 members at the end of 2024. A slightly larger number of members than usual did not renew when the annual subscriptions became due, but overall turnover remains low and we are getting a small but steady stream of new members.

The increased activity meant that our income has also increased. We now pay our rent directly to the landlord (Radley College) and our electricity directly to the supplier, rather than via the tenant farmer as previously. During 2024 the rent continued at the same level as previously. Electricity costs rose less than anticipated, since as a small charity we generally pay a reduced rate of VAT, partially off-setting the increased price per unit. Overall the finances remain sound and we are optimistic for the coming year. Again we are grateful for the continuing support of our members.

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Receipts and Payments Account 12 months to 1st Jan 2025

	12 months to 01/01/25 £		12 months to 01/01/24 £	
<u>Income</u>				
Subscriptions and Donations	3,044		3,221	
Workshop Fees	13,319		11,343	
Surplus from Courses	1,263		2,886	
Gift Aid Received	486		517	
Sale of Surplus Metals, Tools and Other Income	207		257	
Bank Interest	453		260	
Surplus from Exhibitions	260	19,032	-	
<u>Less Expenses</u>				
Workshop Rent	9,875		9,875	
Electricity	1,835		2,512	
Insurance	1,070		1,160	
Workshop Expenses	1,545		1,060	
Plant and Equipment	706		-	
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,090	(16,121)	492	
Surplus for the Year		<u>£ 2,911</u>		<u>£ 3,385</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 1st Jan 2025

	<u>01/01/25</u>		<u>01/01/24</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Balance at Bank - Current a/c	1,420		3,584
- Deposit a/c	<u>33,054</u>	34,474	28,101
<u>Less Liabilities</u>			
Prepaid Masterclasses	-		140
Unpaid Exhibition costs	548		-
Pre-Paid Subs	-		20
Accrual for Expenses	50		10
Accrual for tool payments	-		127
Accrual for Electricity	<u>180</u>	(778)	600
		<u>£ 33,696</u>	<u>£ 30,788</u>
<u>Represented by:</u>			
<u>General Fund</u>			
Balance at 1st Jan 2024	30,785		27,403
Surplus for the Period	<u>2,911</u>	33,696	3,385
		<u>£ 33,696</u>	<u>£ 30,788</u>

The above Accounts have been prepared from the records held, and information given by the Treasurer and are certified to be in accordance therewith.

Treasurer
Fred Wickens

Reviewing Accountant
Alan French FCCA

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The workshop was open throughout the year, and for the first year since the pandemic there were no Covid related restrictions. We ran a full set of classes throughout the year, covering jewellery, silversmithing and enamelling, and even opened a new evening open session on Wednesdays.

We were able to run week-end Master Classes throughout the year, with most attended by 8-10 people, plus the tutor. During the year we ran seven 2-day courses. Topics covered were: making chain-mail bangles; chasing and repousse; making a multi-stone pendant; sand casting; kiln enamelling; collet and crown settings; anti-clastic and fold forming. This important aspect of our programme, which widens the knowledge of members to higher levels in some of the more specialist skills, is now back to pre-pandemic levels.

In June we held the AGM. Two of the Trustees stood down, as required by the constitution. No new appointments were made.

Membership increased a little throughout the year and is now above pre-pandemic numbers – with 175 members at the end of 2023. Turnover remains low and we are getting a small but steady stream of new members.

The increased activity meant that our income has also increased and we have now recouped all of the losses from our reserves caused by the pandemic. Increases in electricity prices have had an impact and are a concern for the future, but fortunately electricity usage was only a small fraction of our annual spend. Overall the finances remain sound and we are optimistic for the coming year. Again we are grateful for the continuing support of our members.

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	12 months to 01/01/24 £	12 months to 01/01/23 £
<u>Income</u>		
Subscriptions and Donations	3,221	3,171
Workshop Fees	11,343	9,089
Surplus from Courses	2,886	2,160
Gift Aid Received	517	521
Sale of Surplus Metals, Tools and Other Income	257	28
Bank Interest	260	25
Surplus from Exhibitions	-	307
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	18,484	
<u>Less Expenses</u>		
Workshop Rent	9,875	9,875
Electricity	2,512	1,334
Insurance	1,160	1,005
Workshop Expenses	1,060	430
Plant and Equipment	-	231
Miscellaneous Expenses	492	485
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	(15,099)	
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Surplus for the Year	£ 3,385	£ 1,941

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Balance Sheet as at 1st Jan 2024

	<u>01/01/24</u>		<u>01/01/23</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Balance at Bank - Current a/c	3,584		4,174
- Deposit a/c	<u>28,101</u>	31,685	26,841
<u>Less Liabilities</u>			
Prepaid Masterclasses	140		2,840
Unpaid Exhibition costs	-		72
Pre-Paid Subs	20		
Accrual for Expenses	10		100
Accrual for tool payments	127		
Accrual for Electricity	<u>600</u>	(897)	600
		<u>£ 30,788</u>	<u>£ 27,403</u>
Represented by:			
<u>General Fund</u>			
Balance at 1st Jan 2023	27,403		25,462
Surplus for the Period	<u>3,385</u>	30,788	1,941
		<u>£ 30,788</u>	<u>£ 27,403</u>

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This was the first year since the start of the pandemic that we were able to keep the workshop open throughout the year. In the early part of the year, numbers attending were still slightly restricted because of Covid concerns, but these restrictions were totally relaxed in the latter part of the year. Also as the year progressed the remaining tutors returned and we were back to a full programme. Towards the end of the year one of the newer jewellery tutors stepped down because of other commitments, but the weekly session affected continued as an open workshop for more experienced members. Fortunately a new tutor, for enamelling, came forward to take over this session from January 2023.

We were able to run Master Classes throughout the year, here too numbers permitted to attend were slightly restricted in the early part of the year. During the year we ran one 1-day course and seven 2-day courses. Thus this important aspect of our programme, which widens the knowledge of members to higher levels in some of the more specialist skills, was essentially back to pre-pandemic levels.

In May we held the AGM. Two of the Trustees stood down, as required by the constitution, but then they were reappointed by election, together with one new Trustee.

In October we were finally able to hold our traditional “biennial” exhibition, after a gap of four years. The exhibition was again held in Woodstock and lasted just over three weeks. There were some 250 exhibits from 32 members, plus displays on techniques. We had well over 1000 visitors and 50 items were sold. Pleasingly, the commission from sold items covered our costs for the exhibition plus a small profit

Membership has increased a little throughout the year but is still slightly lower than pre-pandemic numbers. Turnover remains low and we are getting a small but steady stream of new members.

The increased activity meant that our income has also increased and we have started to recoup some of the losses from our reserves caused by the pandemic. Increases in electricity prices have had an impact and are a concern for the future, but fortunately electricity usage was only a small fraction of our annual spend. Overall the finances remain sound and we are optimistic for the coming year. Again we are grateful for the continuing support of our members.

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	12 months to 01/01/23		12 months to 01/01/22	
	£		£	
Income				
Subscriptions and Donations	3,171		3,098	
Workshop Fees	9,089		5,894	
Surplus from Courses	2,160		848	
Gift Aid Received	521		-	
Sale of Surplus Metals, Tools and Other Income	28		104	
Bank Interest	25		2	
Surplus from Exhibitions	307	15,301	-	
Less Expenses				
Workshop Rent	9,875		8,314	
Electricity	1,334		468	
Insurance	1,005		954	
Workshop Expenses	430		159	
Plant and Equipment	231		48	
Miscellaneous Expenses	485	(13,360)	511	
Surplus (Deficit) for the Year		£ 1,941		£ (509)

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Balance Sheet as at 1st Jan 2023

	<u>01/01/23</u>		<u>01/01/22</u>
Assets			
Balance at Bank - Current a/c	4,174		4,205
- Deposit a/c	<u>26,841</u>	31,015	23,815
Less Liabilities			
Prepaid Masterclasses	2,840		1,750
Unpaid Exhibition costs	72		20
Accrual for Expenses	100		38
Accrual for Electricity	<u>600</u>	(3,612)	750
		<u>£ 27,403</u>	<u>£ 25,462</u>
Represented by:			
<u>General Fund</u>			
Balance at 1st Jan 2022	25,462		25,971
Surplus for the Period	<u>1,941</u>	27,403	(509)
		<u>£ 27,403</u>	<u>£ 25,462</u>

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We started the year with the workshop closed, as the country was again in lock-down. It was only in mid-March that we were able to re-open the workshop. When we did open it was once again with limited numbers (maximum of 6 members present) and only for a limited set of sessions, as not all tutors were able to attend. As Covid restrictions eased we were able to increase numbers per session and also more tutors were able to attend. In addition two new tutors started in the autumn, filling empty slots caused by two previous tutors stepping down.

In June we were able to resume Master Classes and by the end of the year we had run three 1-day courses and one 2-day course, albeit with reduced numbers attending. Whilst much reduced compared to pre-pandemic it was good to resume this significant element of our efforts to widen the knowledge of members to higher levels of some of the more specialist skills.

In July we finally held the first AGM since we had transferred to the new CIO Charity. At the AGM all of the existing Trustees stood down, as required by the constitution, but were all reappointed by election. However, with the limited activity we judged that the “biennial” exhibition in Woodstock was again not viable.

As in the previous year the lower activity reduced our income, but as the usage of the workshop increased through the year our income steadily increased. By the end of the year monthly income had almost reaching pre-pandemic levels. On the expenditure side our landlord kindly agreed for us to continue paying reduced rent for the first seven months. Again our members remained very supportive, with the vast majority paying their annual subscriptions. The net result was a further small depletion of our financial reserves, but overall the finances remain sound and we are optimistic for the coming year.

Membership has decreased slightly during the pandemic, mainly from people moving out of the area. But we also note that at the end of the period, in addition to some old members returning, we have a small but steady number of new members joining

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	12 months to 01/01/22 £	12 months to 01/01/21 £
<u>Income</u>		
Subscriptions and Donations	3,098	3,216
Workshop Fees	5,894	4,589
Surplus from Courses	848	367
Gift Aid Received	-	-
Other Income	104	93
Bank Interest	2	22
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	9,947	
<u>Less Expenses</u>		
Workshop Rent	8,314	9,652
Electricity	468	949
Insurance	955	989
Workshop Expenses	159	230
Plant and Equipment	48	462
Miscellaneous Expenses	511	408
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	(10,456)	408
Deficit for the Year	<hr/> <hr/> £ (509)	<hr/> <hr/> £ (4,403)

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Balance Sheet as at 1st Jan 2022

	<u>01/01/22</u>		<u>01/01/21</u>
Assets			
Balance at Bank - Current a/c	4,205		1,658
- Deposit a/c	<u>23,815</u>	28,020	25,813
Less Liabilities			
Prepaid Masterclasses	1,750		1,000
Prepaid Subscriptions	20		-
Accrual for Expenses	38		-
Accrual for Electricity	<u>750</u>	(2,558)	500
	<u>£ 25,462</u>		<u>£ 25,971</u>
Represented by:			
<u>General Fund</u>			
Balance at 1st Jan 2021	25,971		30,373
Deficit for the Period	<u>(509)</u>	25,462	(4,403)
	<u>£ 25,462</u>		<u>£ 25,971</u>

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Prior to 2020 JASSO was run as Charity Number 272365. At the end of 2019 all of the assets and liabilities of that Charity were passed to this new Charity.

The year started well with a smooth transfer and in addition to all of the normal sessions, by early March we had run three 2-day Master Classes. However, we were then struck by the Covid-19 pandemic and the first lock-down. At the end of the lock-down we adapted the workshop to comply with the new regulations. A Perspex screen was erected down the middle of the workbenches, members had to wear face masks, use hand sanitiser, keep the place well ventilated and only share tools when essential. The class numbers were reduced to a maximum of 6 members. Activities resumed, but with fewer sessions as not all tutors were able to attend and fewer members as many were extremely cautious about returning. Throughout the summer and autumn numbers slowly grew and we even tried to run some Master Classes, although as it turned out only one actually ran. Covid restrictions meant that we were not able to arrange an AGM and we also had to cancel our biennial exhibition in Woodstock, anticipated for November. Then towards the end of the year we had to cease activity again because of the second lock-down.

The lower activity severely reduced our income. Meanwhile outgoings of rent, insurance and electricity were largely unchanged, although our landlord kindly agreed to a reduced rent towards the end of the period (continuing into the next year). Fortunately our members remained very supportive and the vast majority paid their annual subscriptions and whilst our financial reserves were significantly depleted they remain sound.

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	12 months to <u>01/01/21</u> £		9 months to <u>31/12/19</u> £
<u>Income</u>			
Subscriptions and Donations	3,216		3,448
Workshop Fees	4,589		8,366
Surplus from Courses	367		993
Gift Aid Received	-		611
Sale of Surplus Metals, Tools and Other Income	93		2,188
Bank Interest	22		38
Surplus from Exhibitions	-	8,288	-
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<u>Less Expenses</u>			
Workshop Rent	9,652		7,406
Electricity	949		517
Insurance	989		769
Workshop Expenses	299		151
Plant and Equipment	425		2,817
Miscellaneous Expenses	376	(12,690)	270
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Surplus for the Year	<hr/> £ (4,403) <hr/>		<hr/> £ 3,714 <hr/>

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	<u>01/01/21</u>		<u>31/12/19</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Balance at Bank - Current a/c	1,658		5,012
- Deposit a/c	<u>25,813</u>	27,471	<u>27,791</u>
<u>Less Liabilities</u>			
Prepaid Masterclasses	1,000		2,130
Prepaid Subscriptions	-		-
Accrual for Electricity	<u>500</u>	(1,500)	<u>300</u>
	<u>£ 25,971</u>		<u>£ 30,373</u>
Represented by:			
<u>General Fund</u>			
Balance at 1st Jan 2020	30,373		26,659
Surplus for the Period	<u>(4,403)</u>	25,971	<u>3,714</u>
	<u>£ 25,971</u>		<u>£ 30,373</u>

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