

**LONDON HISTORICAL FENCING CLUB
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2025**

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**London Historical Fencing Club
Reference and Administrative Details
For The Year Ended 31 July 2025**

Trustees	Mr James Tamplin - Chair (appointed 14/09/2024) Ms Lauren Distler - Trustee (appointed 24/08/2025) Mr Daniel Clay - Trustee (appointed 24/08/2025)
Charity Number	1200898
Principal Address	London Historical Fencing Club Arch 12 Miles Street London SW8 2TG
Independent Examiner	Tax Assist Accountants Tax Assist Accountants Chancery Station House 31-33 High Holborn London WC1V 6AX

London Historical Fencing Club

Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 31 July 2025

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and Objectives

London Historical Fencing Club CIO runs Historical European Martial Arts (HEMA) classes in central London and offers grants to HEMA instructors.

Significant Activities

Having taken on the premises at Arch 12, Miles Street in 2024, the charity expanded its operations in order to generate sufficient income to meet its financial obligations while continuing to further its charitable objective. This activity included:

- Launching a new advanced 'high intensity' class.
- Launching a class studying 16th century sidesword fencing
- Launching a class studying Spanish 'destreza' rapier fencing
- Taking over the 'Waterloo Sparring Group' – offering HEMA sparring on Saturdays
- Running an inaugural 'Fight Night' to showcase the excitement and artistry of HEMA
- Running a successful grassroots fundraising campaign

Both membership and individual member engagement grew across the year.

Future plans for 2025/2026

In the upcoming year, the charity plans to strengthen its financial sustainability by updating its class prices in line with inflation and the increased overhead costs of managing its own venue. To maintain the accessibility of its activities to people of different financial situations, the charity will also introduce a three tier pricing system including a concessionary rate (set at the pre-increase price level), a standard rate, and a 'superfan' rate.

The charity also plans to make several improvements to its venue and equipment. This will include installing a rubber crumb flooring over the existing concrete floor, which will increase safety and reduce noise levels in the venue. The charity will also seek to expand its stock of loaner equipment available to participants who do not have their own, including steel training swords and expanding the diversity of available sizes of protective equipment. These improvements will be funded by a combination of the 2024/2025 grassroots funding campaign and securing a grant from Sported UK.

The charity's focus remains on creating a welcoming space where individuals from all backgrounds can explore and enjoy the practice of historical fencing.

Financial Review

Financial Position

Resources expended for the year exceeded incoming resources expended by £ 9,254. In 2024 total incoming resources for the year were £ 92,625 (2024 £51,276) and total resources expended for the year were £ 101,880 (2024 £41,291)

Reserves Policy

It is the Trustees' intention to maintain sufficient funds at any time to be able to ensure that the lease obligations can be met as they fall due.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

London Historical Fencing Club CIO is governed by its Constitution dated 30 September 2022. It is a registered charity with the Charity Commission.

London Historical Fencing Club Trustees' Report (continued) For The Year Ended 31 July 2025

Trustee Selection Methods

Trustees are elected for rotating three year terms; at least one Trustee shall stand down at each Annual General Meeting and is replaced by election by the members of the club. There must be no legal impediment to candidates serving as Trustees of a charity.

Organisation

The Trustees delegate day to day management of the Club is delegated to a Management Committee, elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. The committee shall consist of no fewer than four officers, a chair, secretary, treasurer and trustee, to be known as the elected officers. The committee may co-opt up to 12 other voting members, who shall resign at the next Annual General Meeting. All committee members must be active members in good standing of the London Historical Fencing Club.

The management committee is comprised of trustees and elected and appointed officers of the charity. The committee will generally meet monthly, but may meet more frequently during periods of higher activity. They will always meet at least quarterly.

Other Information

Risk management

The Trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises :

- An annual review of the risks the charity may face;
- The establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate these risks identified in the plan; and
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the Trustees should follow best practice and :

- i) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ii) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- iii) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Provisions of the Trust Deed. The Trustees are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Mr James Tamplin

Trustee

18/05/2026

Ms Lauren Distler

Trustee

London Historical Fencing Club
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of London Historical Fencing Club
For The Year Ended 31 July 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of London Historical Fencing Club (the Trust) for the year ended 31 July 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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**London Historical Fencing Club
Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 July 2025**

		2025	2024
		Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	Notes	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:			
Donations and legacies	3	13,410	2,600
Charitable activities:			
Promotion and teaching of historical European martial arts for public benefit		73,079	45,817
Other	4	6,136	2,859
		<u>92,625</u>	<u>51,276</u>
EXPENDITURE ON:			
Charitable activities:	6		
Promotion and teaching of historical European martial arts for public benefit		(101,879)	(41,291)
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME		<u>(9,254)</u>	<u>9,985</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		<u>(9,254)</u>	<u>9,985</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:			
Total funds brought forward		16,570	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	16	<u><u>7,316</u></u>	<u><u>16,570</u></u>

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

London Historical Fencing Club
Statement of Financial Position
As At 31 July 2025

				2025	2024
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	Notes	funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	11	3,961	-	3,961	8,201
		3,961	-	3,961	8,201
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13	10,229	-	10,229	11,252
Cash at bank and in hand		24,225	-	24,225	11,426
		34,454	-	34,454	22,678
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	14	(31,099)	-	(31,099)	(14,309)
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		3,355	-	3,355	8,369
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		7,316	-	7,316	16,570
NET ASSETS		7,316	-	7,316	16,570
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Unrestricted Funds				7,316	16,570
TOTAL FUNDS	16			7,316	16,570

On behalf of the board

Mr James Tamplin
Trustee
18/05/2026

Ms Lauren Distler
Trustee

Mr Daniel Clay
Trustee

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London Historical Fencing Club

Notes to the Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31 July 2025

1. General Information

London Historical Fencing Club is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1200898. The principal address is London Historical Fencing Club, Arch 12, Miles Street, London, SW8 2TG.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

2.2. Incoming Resources

Resources expended for the year exceeded incoming resources expended by £ 9,254. In 2025 total incoming resources for the year were £ 92,625 (2024 £51,276) and total resources expended for the year were £ 101,879 (2024 : £41,291).

2.3. Resources Expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accounting basis.

2.4. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Plant & Machinery	Reducing balance method @33.33%
Fixtures & Fittings	Reducing balance method @33.33%

2.5. Stocks and Work in Progress

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out method. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

Work in progress is reflected in the accounts on a contract by contract basis by recording turnover and related costs as contract activity progresses.

At the end of each reporting period stocks are assessed for impairment. If an item of stock is impaired, the identified stock is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell and an impairment charge is recognised in the statement of financial activities. Where a reversal of the impairment is required the impairment charge is reversed, up to the original impairment loss, and is recognised as a credit in the statement of financial activities.

2.6. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

3. Income from Donations and Legacies

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	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Donations and gifts	9,985	-
Member subscriptions and sponsorships	3,425	2,600
	<u>13,410</u>	<u>2,600</u>

4. Other Income

	2025	2024
	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	£	£
Sale of merchandise	6,136	2,489
Raffle income	-	370
	<u>6,136</u>	<u>2,859</u>

5. Net Income/(Expenditure)

The net (expenditure)/income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2025	2024
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned	<u>1,981</u>	<u>2,063</u>

6. Analysis of Expenditure

				2025
	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support costs	
	£	(see note 7)	(see note 8)	Total
		£	£	£
Promotion and teaching of historical European martial arts for public benefit	4,105	6,103	91,671	101,879

				2024
		Grant funding of activities	Support costs	
		(see note 7)	(see note 8)	Total
		£	£	£
Promotion and teaching of historical European martial arts for public benefit		4,648	36,643	41,291

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7. Grants Payable

	2025	2024
	Grants to	Grants to
	Individuals	Individuals
	£	£
Promotion and teaching of historical European martial arts for public benefit	6,103	4,648
Distributions payable to HEMA instructors		

8. Support Costs

	2025
	Promotion and teaching of historical European martial arts for public benefit
	£
Employee costs	1,278
Premises expenses	69,677
General administration	18,735
Depreciation	1,981
	<u>91,671</u>
	2024
	Promotion and teaching of historical European martial arts for public benefit
	£
Premises expenses	15,256
General administration	19,324
Depreciation	2,063
	<u>36,643</u>

9. Independent Examiner's Remuneration

	2025	2024
	£	£
Independent examination of the financial statements	2,196	-

10. Average Number of Employees

0Average number of employees during the year was: NIL (2024:)

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15. Deferred Income

Deferred income movements in the year were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Balance at the start of the period	-	-
Income deferred in the current period	2,106	-
Balance at the end of the period	<u>2,106</u>	<u>-</u>

16. Movement in Funds

	As at 1 August 2024	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 July 2025
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General:				
General unrestricted fund	16,570	92,625	(101,879)	7,316
Total funds	<u>16,570</u>	<u>92,625</u>	<u>(101,879)</u>	<u>7,316</u>

	As at 1 August 2023	Prior year adjustment	Income	Expenditure	As at 31 July 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General:					
General unrestricted fund	-	6,585	51,276	(41,291)	16,570
Total funds	<u>-</u>	<u>6,585</u>	<u>51,276</u>	<u>(41,291)</u>	<u>16,570</u>

17. Transactions with Trustees

During the year the expenses reimbursed to the trustees or paid directly to third parties were as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
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18. Related Party Disclosures

London Historical Fencing Club
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 July 2025

	2025	2024
	Total	Total
	funds	funds
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:		
Donations and legacies		
Donations from individuals	9,985	-
Membership subscriptions	3,425	2,600
	13,410	2,600
Charitable Activities:		
Promotion and teaching of historical European martial arts for public benefit		
Income from charitable activities	14,878	-
Coaching fees	48,167	34,848
Events	10,034	10,969
	73,079	45,817
Other		
Sale of merchandise	6,136	2,489
Raffle income	-	370
	6,136	2,859
	92,625	51,276
EXPENDITURE ON:		
Charitable Activities:		
Promotion and teaching of historical European martial arts for public benefit		
Materials	(2,673)	-
Merchandise printing	(932)	-
Other direct costs	(500)	-
Grants to individuals	(6,103)	(4,648)
Staff training	(678)	-
Travel and subsistence expenses	(600)	-
Rent	(54,494)	(14,875)
Rates	(7,431)	-
Light and heat	(2,458)	-
Repairs and maintenance	(5,178)	(381)
Cleaning	(116)	-
Computer and IT consumables	(1,775)	(1,959)
Insurance	(2,930)	(1,325)
Printing, postage and stationery	(238)	-
Telecommunications and data costs	(80)	-
Independent examiner's fees	(2,196)	-
Professional fees	-	(1,395)
Consultancy fees	(340)	-
Subscriptions	(108)	-
Bank charges	(2,278)	(1,389)
Entertaining	(256)	-
Sundry expenses	(1,023)	(604)
Membership event	(3,926)	(9,679)

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (continued)
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Volunteer expense	(3,585)	(2,973)
Depreciation	(1,981)	(2,063)
	<u>(101,879)</u>	<u>(41,291)</u>
	(101,879)	(41,291)
NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME	<u>(9,254)</u>	<u>9,985</u>

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