

SOCIETY OF BOOKBINDERS
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2024

Charity Registration Number: 1204089

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SOCIETY OF BOOKBINDERS
Report Of The Trustees For The Period Ending 31st December 2024

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the period ending 31st December 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Society's Articles of Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting Charities', effective January 2015.

Reference and Administrative Details

The Society was established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on the 25th July 2023 (Charity number 1204089). The activities of the Charity were previously undertaken by The Society of Bookbinders a charitable trust (Charity number 1032108). On the 1st May 2024 all assets and liabilities of the Charitable Trust were transferred to the new CIO.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

To August 2024 (up to AGM)	Jill Sellars (Acting Chair)
	Mary Asiedu
	Trish Burge
	George Davidson
	Dr Christopher McNall
	Ivan A Salcedo
From August 2024 (AGM)	Sally Dore - Chair
	Dr Christopher McNall - Treasurer
	Mary Asiedu
	Deanna Fischer
	Ivan A Salcedo

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Independent examiner	Brian Hughes FCA A Hughes Jones Dyson & Co, Chartered Accountants Capel Moreia, South Penrallt, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 1NS
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Structure, governance and management

The Society is overseen by the Board of Trustees, aided by a National Management Committee; the latter is composed of the chairs of the Society's seven regional committees and other named officers such as the Membership Secretary and newsletter editor.

The Trustees and the NMC each meet regularly.

Trustees retire at regular intervals and may stand for re-election; new trustees may be co-opted, and then subsequently stand for election at the AGM. At regional level there are local committees who arrange a varied programme of events.

The Society maintains informal contact at varying levels with similar organisations such as Designer Bookbinders (with whom we jointly run a popular and highly successful series of workshops), the Antiquarian Booksellers Association and the American Guild of Bookworkers.

The Trustees routinely assess and review both the Society's financial standing and our need for insurance cover. Other matters of good governance, such as financial reserves and appropriate banking practices, are discussed by the Trustees and re-considered when necessary.

THE SOCIETY OF BOOKBINDERS

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

Society of Bookbinders (charity number 1204089) is governed by its Constitution dated 25th July 2023.

The Society was formed to advance education and encourage high standards for the public benefit in all aspects of bookbinding. These still remain the main objectives of the Society.

The Society continues to be run exclusively by the efforts of our many volunteers and the Trustees use this opportunity to pass on their thanks to all those who give their time and take part in our many and diverse activities. Without you we would not exist.

Achievements and performance

The Society is dedicated to preserving the craft of both traditional and contemporary bookbinding and the preservation and conservation of the printed and written word.

The Society maintains a publicly-accessible website (societyofbookbinders.com), with publicly-accessible resources, including funding opportunities, finding bookbinding tutors and courses.

Through its seven regions, the Society organises and holds visits, demonstrations and workshops of interest to bookbinders and members of the public.

In August 2024, the Society held a successful 3 day event for all members, at the University of York, featuring demonstrations and talks about the craft of bookbinding.

In October 2024, the Society held an online demonstration /workshop with Jacqui Dodds on mark making and design for lino printing. In December 2024, the Society held an online demonstration /workshop with Samuel Feinstein, a Chicago-based bookbinder, on gold tooling and titling with handle letters.

Financial review

The Trustees are of the opinion that current reserves are adequate to meet the charity's objectives

The balance held as unrestricted funds on the 31st December 2024 was £173,848



On behalf of the board of Trustees

Dr Christopher McNall

Dated 27th October 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination the accounts of the Society of Bookbinders for the period ending 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages 4 - 9.

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 all 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:

- (i) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (ii) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (iii) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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.

B Hughes

Mr Brian Hughes, Chartered Accountant

for and on behalf of A. Hughes-Jones, Dyson & Co.

Statutory Auditors & Chartered Accountants

Capel Moreia, South Penrallt, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 1NS

Dated 27th October 2025

SOCIETY OF BOOKBINDERS
Statement of Financial Activities for the Period Ending 31st December 2024

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	Notes			2024
		£	£	£
<u>Income</u>				
Donations and legacies	2	1,391	-	1,391
Investment income	3	1,416	254	1,670
Income from charitable activities	4	<u>95,835</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,835</u>
Total income		<u>98,642</u>	<u>254</u>	<u>98,896</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Charitable activities				
Promotion of bookbinding	5	107,937	-	107,937
		<u>107,937</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,937</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>107,937</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,937</u>
Net Income		(9,295)	254	(9,041)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Funds transferred from the Charitable Trust 1st May 2024		<u>183,143</u>	<u>10,603</u>	<u>193,746</u>
Fund balances at 31st December 2024		<u>173,848</u>	<u>10,857</u>	<u>184,705</u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024

	Notes	2024	
		£	£
Fixed Assets			
Tangible Assets			-
Current Assets			
Debtors		-	
Cash at Bank and In Hand		193,475	
		<u>193,475</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(8,770)</u>	
Net Current Assets			<u>184,705</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>184,705</u>
Income funds			
Restricted funds	11	10,857	
Unrestricted funds		<u>173,848</u>	
		<u>184,705</u>	

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 27th October 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Dr Christopher McNall

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Notes To The Accounts For The Period Ending 31st December 2024

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Affairs when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Investment income and gains are allocated to the appropriate funds

1.3 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25% reducing balance
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1.5 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.6 Accumulated funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	<u>1,391</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,391</u>

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable	<u>1,416</u>	<u>254</u>	<u>1,670</u>

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Subscriptions	21,700	-	21,700
Adverts	677	-	677
Competition	6,478	-	6,478
Regions activities	22,057	-	22,057
Conference income	41,054	-	41,054
Outreach & Education	3,869	-	3,869
	<u>95,835</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>95,835</u>

5 Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Charitable activities			
<u>Promotion of bookbinding</u>			
Activities undertaken directly	99,309	-	99,309
Support costs	8,628	-	8,628
Total	<u>107,937</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>107,937</u>

6 Activities undertaken directly

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Other costs relating to Promotion of bookbinding comprise:			
Bookbinder	14	-	14
Website development	462	-	462
Conference costs	62,105	-	62,105
Outreach & Education Costs	4,909	-	4,909
Competition Costs	7,117	-	7,117
Regional costs	22,014	-	22,014
General Bursary	2,688	-	2,688
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>99,309</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,309</u>

7 Support costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £
Administration costs and trustees expenses	4,735	-	4,735
Legal Fees	2,333	-	2,333
Independent Examination	<u>1,560</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,560</u>
	<u>8,628</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,628</u>

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8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the period.

9 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £
Accruals	2,520
Deferred income	6,250
	8,770

11 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				
	Transfer from Charitable Trust 1.5.2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expensed £	Transfers £	Balance at s1st December 2024 £
Gordon Hartley Memorial Fund	10,603	254	-	-	10,857
	10,603	254	-	-	10,857

The Gordon Hartley Memorial Fund was established to honour the memory of Gordon Hartley, who died in office as Chairman in November 2007. The intention is that the interest would permit the funding of a Bursary every two years for one person to attend the Society's Conference as a resident.

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12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Fund balances at 31st December 2024 are represented by:			
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-
Current assets	182,618	10,857	193,475
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	<u>(8,770)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(8,770)</u>
	<u>173,848</u>	<u>10,857</u>	<u>184,705</u>

13 Funds

2024

£

General funds

Central Charity	75,909
Scotland	3,066
London and South	4,122
Midlands	12,773
Western	13,130
East Anglia	8,526
North East	4,609
North West and North Wales	<u>7,644</u>

129,779

Designated Funds

Outreach and Education	32,555
Bernard Middleton Fund	10,740
Aiden Portnall Fund	774

Total unrestricted funds

173,848

Restricted funds

Gordon Hartley Memorial Fund	<u>10,857</u>
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10,857

Total funds

184,705