

THE BETJEMAN SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1205030

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-10-03

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. THE OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY SHALL BE TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF ITS MEMBERS AND OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THE WORKS OF SIR JOHN BETJEMAN BY PROMOTING THE STUDY, AWARENESS AND ENJOYMENT OF HIS LIFE, WORK AND INFLUENCE.2. IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS OBJECT, BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE SOCIETY MAY:A. PUBLISH, OR ARRANGE TO BE PUBLISHED, BOOKS, PAMPHLETS OR OTHER RELEVANT MATERIAL FOR WHICH A SUITABLE CHARGE MAY BE MADE.B. ORGANISE, OR ARRANGE TO BE ORGANISED, MEETINGS, LECTURES, EXHIBITIONS, SEMINARS AND SOCIAL OCCASIONS FOR WHICH A SUITABLE CHARGE MAY BE MADE.C. RAISE FUNDS, ACCEPT GIFTS, RECEIVE CONTRIBUTIONS AND PROFIT FROM THE SALE OF BETJEMAN-RELATED ITEMS.D. PROMOTE OR CARRY OUT RESEARCH INTO THE LIFE AND WORKS OF BETJEMAN.E. DONATE MONEY TO CHARITIES ASSOCIATED WITH BETJEMAN AND HIS INTERESTS.F. DO ALL OTHER LAWFUL THINGS TO FURTHER THE OBJECT AS STATED ABOVE.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£11,178	£9,395	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Stephen John Jackson FRSA	Chair	
ANDREW VINCENT ROBERT SMITH FRGS FCIJ		
Andrew Douglas McCallum		
Colin Robert Manson BSc(Eng) FIMarEST CMarTech		
Horace Stanley Ernest Liberty		
Rev Stephen Sealy		
Stephen Edward Spenser Stringer		

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 03 October 2023 To 31 December 2024

Charity name: The Betjeman Society

Charity registration number: 1205030

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not Applicable
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not Applicable
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Not Applicable
Other		Not Applicable

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No objective set
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	No objective set
Other		Not applicable

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Income: £11,179 Expenditure: £9,395 Total funds: £26,570
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserve fund from legacy held for major projects such as curation of document archive held by the society
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£11,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not Applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Not Applicable

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Members' annual subscriptions
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	No investment policy
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	charitable incorporated organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Betjeman Society
Other name the charity uses	Not applicable
Registered charity number	1205030
Charity's principal address	

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Steve Jackson	Chair		
2	Andrew McCallum	Vice-Chair		
3	Colin Manson	Treasurer		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not Applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Not applicable		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not Applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
		Not Applicable

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Not applicable

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

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Date

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The Betjeman Society
Charity Number: 1205030

The Betjeman Society
Annual Accounts
For The Year Ending 31st December 2024

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

We have prepared these accounts, without audit, from the records and information supplied

J. Humphry Associates Ltd

27 May 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Betjeman Society

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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

Charities with gross income exceeding £25,000 must be examined by a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Accounting Technicians, which is one of the listed bodies. The Betjeman Society has voluntarily requested an examiner's report.

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 charity 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 content 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 to this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



James Piper FMAAT ATT FIAB

J Humphry Associates Ltd
11a The Green
Stubbington
PO14 2JG
Dated 09 September 2024

Financial Statements

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Income Resources						
Subscription	1.1	5,800			5,800	-
Donations	1.2	2,735			2,735	-
Sundry Income	1.3	2,644			2,644	-
Total Incoming Resources		11,179			11,179	-
Resources expended						
Society costs	2.1	5,745			5,745	-
Events	2.2	2,629			2,629	-
Sundry	2.3	1,021			1,021	-
Total resources expended		9,395			9,395	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		1,784			1,784	-
Transfers between funds in/(Out)						
Net movements in funds		1,784			1,784	-
Total funds brought forward		24,786			24,786	-
Total funds carried forward		26,570			26,570	-

Balance Sheet

	<i>Notes</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>
Fixed Assets		£	£
Tangible	3.1	2,680	-
Total Fixed Assets		2,680	-
Current Assets			
Stock		371	-
HSBC Current		3,505	-
HSBC Deposit		19,845	-
Paypal		169	-
Current Liabilities			-
Total Current Assets		26,570	-
Liabilities			
Creditors: more than one year		-	-
Total Net Assets and Liabilities		26,570	-
Represented by			
General Fund:			
Unrestricted Funds		15,570	-
Designated Funds		-	-
Restricted Funds		11,000	-
Total Fund		26,570	-
Closing Balance		26,570	-

The Financial Statements were approved by The Betjeman Society by:

Name:

Date:

Notes to the Financial Statements

Accounting policies

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under 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 (FRS 102) (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and bulletin 2 published 5 October 2018), the financial reporting standard applicable in UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK generally accepted practice (UK GAAP).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for the valuation of investment assets, which are shown at market value. The financial statements include all transactions, assets, and liabilities for which The Betjeman Society is responsible in law. They do not include the accounts of any connected entity that have their filing requirements.

The accounts have been prepared in GBP, which is the functional currency for the charity and rounded to the nearest whole £.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are general funds which can be used for the charity's ordinary purposes.

Designated funds are general funds set aside by The Betjeman Society for use in the future. Project funds are designated for particular projects for administration purposes only.

Restricted funds represent (a) income from trusts of endowments which may be expended only on those restricted objects provided in the terms of the trust of bequest, and (b) donations or grants received for a specific object or invited by the charity for a specific object. The funds may only be spent on the specific object for which they were given. Any balance remaining unspent at the year-end must be carried forward as a balance on that fund. The restricted funds are made from the following:

- Mr and Mrs J Heald Bequest - £11,000

Incoming resources

Income is recognised on an accrual basis allowing for timing differences that may occur in the provision of normal charitable activity, trading, and governance.

Resources expended

Resources expended are calculated on an accrual basis allowing for timing differences that may occur in the provision of normal charitable activity, trading, and governance.

1. Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
<u>1.1 Subscriptions</u>	£	£	£	£	£
Member Subscriptions	5,800			5,800	-
	-			-	-
	-			-	-
Total Subscriptions	5,800			5,800	-
<u>1.2 Donations</u>					
Donations	2,735			2,735	-
Total donation	2,735			2,735	-
<u>1.3 Sundry Income</u>					
Income from Events	1,660			1,660	-
Sale of Publications	136			136	-
Rebates	481			481	-
Bank Interest	367			367	-
Total Sundry Income	2,644			2,644	-
Total Income resources	11,179			11,179	-

2. Resources Expended

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
<u>2.1 Society Costs</u>	£	£	£	£	£
Misc, Printing, Postage and Stationery	3,143			3,143	-
Costs of the Benjemanian Archive	849			849	-
Costs of the Benjemanian Archive	842			842	-
Council Expenses	517			517	-
Public Liability Insurance	394			394	-
Total Society costs	5,745			5,745	-
<u>2.2 Events</u>					
Event Costs	2,629			2,629	-
Total Events costs	2,629			2,629	-
<u>2.3 Sundry</u>					
Donations	200			200	-
Costs of Newsletter	137			137	-
Software Support	72			72	-
Sundry Expenses	99			99	-

Subscription	30	30	-
HSBC Charges	54	54	-
Paypal Charges	34	34	-
Depreciation	395	395	-
Total Sundry	1,021	1,021	-

3.1 Fixed Assets

No new fixed assets that were purchased in the year. The fixed asset register is as follows:

	JB portrait	JB Macquette	JB Line Drawing	Other	Total
	£	£	£		£
Cost b/f	1,160.00	1,550.00	365.00		3,075.00
Additions			£	£	£
			-	-	-
Disposals	£	£	£	£	£
	-	-	-	-	-
Cost c/f	<u>1,160.00</u>	<u>1,550.00</u>	<u>365.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,075.00</u>
Depn b/f			£		£
			-		-
On disposals	£	£	£	£	£
	-	-	-	-	-
Charge for year		£	£		£
		350.00	45.00		395.00
Depn c/f	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>350.00</u>	<u>45.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>395.00</u>
NBV b/f	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>		<u>£</u>
	<u>1,160.00</u>	<u>1,550.00</u>	<u>365.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,075.00</u>
NBV c/f	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
	<u>1,160.00</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>320.00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,680.00</u>

Simplified Accounts:

	YE 31 December 24		YE 31 December 2023	
	£	£	£	£
<i>Income</i>				
<i>Members Subscription</i>		5,800		-
<i>Income From General Events</i>		1,660		-
<i>Donations Received</i>		2,736		-
<i>Publications and Merch</i>		136		-
<i>Rebates</i>		481		-
<i>Bank Interest</i>		367		-
<i>Total Income</i>		<u>11,179</u>		<u>-</u>
 <i>Expenditure</i>				
<i>Misc, Printing and Stationery</i>	3,143			
<i>Events</i>	2,629			
<i>Newsletters</i>	137			
<i>Archive Storage</i>	842			
<i>Costs of the Benjemanian</i>	849			
<i>Council Expenses</i>	517			
<i>Insurance</i>	394			
<i>Software Support</i>	72			
<i>Donations</i>	200			
<i>Subscriptions</i>	30			
<i>Bank Charges</i>	54			
<i>Paypal Charges</i>	34			
<i>Sundry</i>	99			
<i>Depreciaiton</i>	395			
		<u>9,395</u>		<u>-</u>
 <i>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</i>		<u><u>1,784</u></u>		<u><u>-</u></u>