

# THE LONDON SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 206270

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1962-09-22

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

## Contact

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**Address** Mortimer Wheeler House  
46 Eagle Wharf Road  
London  
N1 7ED

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**Website** [www.londonsociety.org.uk](http://www.londonsociety.org.uk)

## Activities

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**Objects:** I) TO ACQUIRE, EXAMINE AND COMMENT AS NECESSARY ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS RELATING TO THE CITIES OF LONDON, WESTMINSTER AND THE LONDON BOROUGHS (THE AREA OF BENEFIT) AND TO ACT AS A CO-ORDINATING BODY AND CO-OPERATE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES' PLANNING COMMITTEES, ALL OTHER STATUTORY AUTHORITIES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS, CHARITIES AND PERSONS HAVING SIMILAR AIMS TO THOSE OF THE SOCIETY. II) TO PROMOTE HIGH STANDARDS OF PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE IN OR AFFECTING THE AREA OF BENEFIT. III) TO SECURE THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, DEVELOPMENT PROTECTION DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF FEATURES OF HISTORIC OR PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT. IV) TO PROMOTE CIVIC PRIDE IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT

**Activities:** Since its foundation in 1912, the Society has been active in encouraging excellence in the planning and development of London, and in preserving and stimulating appreciation of its amenities and the best of its buildings. The objects of the Society are summarised in its motto which enjoins members to "guard the venerable, strive for the beautiful and take thought for the future".

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** CITIES OF LONDON, WESTMINSTER AND THE LONDON BOROUGHS
- Throughout London

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£103,258	£97,626	-	-
2023-12-31	£101,175	£103,952	-	-
2022-12-31	£66,394	£76,850	-	-
2021-12-31	£71,095	£56,069	-	-
2020-12-31	£56,069	£51,592	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Leanne Tritton</b>	Chair	2021-07-05
ALICE LESTER MBE		2026-03-01
Andrew Levy		2025-08-01
Clare Elizabeth Delmar		2022-07-04
DARREN RODWELL		2025-08-01
Dave Hill		2018-07-16
Eric Sorensen		2014-01-28
Graeme Craig		2026-03-01
Heather Cheesbrough		2025-08-01
Jay Allan		2026-03-01
Kathryn Firth		2026-03-01
Kayode Akinola		2026-03-01
MARK BENTLEY PRIZEMAN		2013-04-22
Nick McKeogh		2014-01-28
Yusuf Erol		2022-07-04

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From** 1 January 2023 **Period start date**  
**To** 31 December 2023 **Period end date**

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Other name the charity uses	
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Don Brown - Director
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## 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)

Leanne Tritton	Alpa Depani
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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chair	Hon. Secretary
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Date

30 October 2022
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**The London Society**

**Draft Statements**

**For the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Charity Registration No. 206270**

**StuartEdwards&Co  
Chartered  
Accountants  
124, CityRoad,  
LONDON,  
EC1V 2NX**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE LONDON SOCIETY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The London Society**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 which are set out on pages 3 to 7

**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**

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.

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.

**Stuart Edwards**  
**Chartered Accountant**  
**124 City Road,**  
**LONDON, EC1V 2NX**

.....**Date.**

## The London Society

### Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Receipts</b>			
Subscriptions & Gift Aid Recovered & Legacy	2	31,288	25,788
Visits, Events & Lectures		10,649	12,980
Corporate Donations & Sponsorships	2	52,068	21,250
Investment Income		5,956	5,966
Donations		303	105
Library, tie and sundry income		911	305
		—————	—————
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>101,175</b>	<b>66,394</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Visits, Events & Lectures		20,712	12,417
Project Expenses:			
-“Love Letters”		7,046	6,276
-“Future of London”		24,268	19,100-
Journal		-	9,433
Printing, Postage, Stationery		354	1,137
IT, Website, Telephone		3,062	1,401
Equipment		-	-
Marketing & Publicity		9,178	6,746
Subscriptions Refunded		-	-
Subscriptions		175	175
Administrative Services		3,563	2,888
Staff Costs		34,737	19,140
Insurance		157	157
Accountant’s Fees		700	525
		—————	—————
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>103,952</b>	<b>76,850</b>
<b>Net Receipts/ (Payments) From Ordinary Activities</b>		<b>(2,777)</b>	<b>(10,456)</b>
		—————	—————
<b>Reserves Brought Forward</b>		<b>141,176</b>	<b>151,632</b>
		—————	—————
<b>Reserves Carried forward</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>£138,399</b>	<b>£141,176</b>
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**The London Society**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2023**

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>		-	-
<b>Investments at Cost</b>	4	105,000	105,000
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors and prepayments		-	-
Cash at bank		33,399	36,176
		33,399	36,176
<b>Less: Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors and accruals		-	-
		33,399	36,176
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>£138,399</b>	<b>£141,176</b>
<b>Reserves:</b>			
General Reserve	3	138,399	141,176
		<b>£138,399</b>	<b>£141,176</b>

The financial statements on pages 3 to 7 were approved by the Executive Committee of the Society on

.....2024 and signed on its behalf by the following:

..... (Typed Name) Executive Committee Member

..... (Typed Name) Executive Committee Member

..... (Typed Name) Secretary

The notes on pages 5 & 7 form part of these accounts.

# The London Society

## Notes to the Accounts

For the year ended 31 December 2023

### 1. Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Accounting Convention

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

#### 1.2 Subscriptions & Gift Aid Repayments

These are included in the accounts when received and no amount is carried forward in respect of Life memberships.

#### 1.3 Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Equipment purchased is written off in the year of purchase.

#### 1.4 Legacies

Legacies unless otherwise specified by the testator, are included in the accounts in the year they are received.

### 2. Income

	2023	2022
<b>Subscriptions , Gift Aid Recovered ,&amp; Legacy</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Subscriptions & memberships	19,456	21,411
Gift Aid Recovered	3,832	4,377
Legacy Received	8,000	
	<u>31,288</u>	<u>25,788</u>
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**The London Society**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31st**  
**December 2023**

**2 Income (Continued)**

<b>Corporate Donations/Sponsorship(General)</b>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Allies and Morrison LLP	-	1,250
Cadogan Estates	1,250	1,250
EH Smith		
Builders	-	2,750
Portman Settled Estates	1,250	1,250
Space Syntax	3,000	-
Hawkins/Brown	1,500	-
FP Kanda Communication	2,000	
Sundry	1,549	
Michael Hussey	-	1,750
Harbour		
Foundation	-	3,000
Total Corporate Donations	<u>10,549</u>	<u>11,250</u>
<b>2</b>		
<b>a</b> <u>Sponsorship (LoFT Crowdfunding/sales)</u>	£	£
Crowdfunder UK	12,539	-
Sundry Crowd funded Income	3,980	-
Total Crowdfunder Income	<u>16,519</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>2b</b> <u>Sponsorship (LoFT)</u>	£	£
Alan Baxter Foundation	1,000	-
PLP		
Architecture	2,000	-
Harriet Trust	2,000	-
BDP	1,000	-
Hawkins /Brown	500	-
Fabix London		
Ltd	1,500	-
	<u>8,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>2c</b> <u>Love Letters to London Donations</u>		

	£	£
Almacantar	6,000	5,000
Stiff & Trevillion	3,000	2,500
Harriet Trust	3,000	-
ft'work	<u>-</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Total 'Love Letters to London ' Donations	<u>12,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

2d <u>Sponsorship of Pod casts</u>	£	£
Earls Court Partnership Ltd	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>
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### 3 Reserve and Investment Policy

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### 4. COIF Charities Investment Fund

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Holding: No of Units</b>	10,931.72	10,931.72
<b>Cost</b>	£105,000	£105,000
<b>Market Value (mid-market value)</b>	£216,940	£198,683
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Date

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		<p>development of the capital, due for release in the autumn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Run a second iteration of the popular writing competition called <i>Love Letters to London</i> that received nearly 500 entries.</li> <li>• Introduced a free Under 30's membership programme to increase the diversity of the audience.</li> </ul>
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>During the year to 31st December 2022 the Society had an income of £66,394 (£71,095 in 2021) and an expenditure of £76,850 (£57,288 in 2021) giving net deficit of £10,456 (£13,807 surplus in 2021).</p> <p>The deficit was a combination of increased corporate support and phasing - the Society runs accounts on a cash basis and costs associated with revenue at the end of 2021 will fall in early 2022.</p> <p>We expect to have another deficit in 2023, with new corporate supporters being actively recruited.</p>
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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees believe that the Society needs a significant level of reserves in order to finance plans to develop its range of activities and raise its profile. Central to this is the need to increase membership to a level that renders the Society financially viable, and to reduce the per capita level of costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The Society's reserves at 31st December 2022, are invested in the COIF Charities Investment Fund which has a book value of £105,000 and a market value of £198,683, and in the Society's current and deposit accounts with CAF Bank UK amounting to £36,176.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

### 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	Membership subscriptions, events receipts, corporate donations and event sponsorship.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
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**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Alpa Depani			
2	Mark Prizeman			
3	Nick McKeogh			
4	Dave Hill			
5	Barry Coidan	Treasurer		
7	Leanne Tritton	Chair		
9	Lucy Smith			
10	Eric Sorensen			
11	Diane Cunningham			
12	Kat Hanna		From 4 July 2022	
13	Yusuf Erol	Hon. Secretary	From 4 July 2022	
14	Clare Delmar		From 4 July 2022	

**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	


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Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

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

Don Brown - Director

**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

**Other optional information**

## 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)

Leanne Tritton

Yusuf Erol

Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chair

Hon. Secretary

Date

12.03.24

**THE LONDON SOCIETY**

England & Wales - Charity number 206270

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 June 2021 Period start date  
To 31 May 2022 Period end date

Charity name: The London Society

Charity registration number: 206270

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>During the year to 31st December 2021 the Society had an income of £71,095 (£56,069 in 2020) and an expenditure of £57,288 (£51,592 in 2020) giving net surplus of £13,807 (£4,477 in 2020).</p> <p>The increased surplus was a combination of increased corporate support and phasing – the Society runs accounts on a cash basis and costs associated with revenue at the end of 2021 will fall in early 2022.</p> <p>We expect to have another surplus in 2021, with new corporate supporters being actively recruited.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees believe that the Society needs a significant level of reserves in order to finance plans to develop its range of activities and raise its profile. Central to this is the need to increase membership to a level that renders the Society financially viable, and to reduce the per capita level of costs.
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Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

### 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	Membership subscriptions, events receipts, corporate donations and event sponsorship.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	

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	The Charity's governing document is its Constitution adopted in 1912 and last amended 21 July 2020
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association with membership open to the public by subscription
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	Trustees who have been duly nominated and seconded by current paid up members of the Society are put forward for approval and adoption at the Annual General Meetings of the Society held in June/July each year, or as soon as possible thereafter.

### 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 London Society
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	206270
Charity's principal address	Mortimer Wheeler House 46 Eagle Wharf Road London N1 7ED



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
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Don Brown - Director

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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

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Leanne Tritton	Alpa Depani
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Chair	Hon. Secretary
<b>Date</b>	30 October 2022	

# **The London Society**

## **Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 December 2021**

**Charity Registration No. 206270**

**Stuart Edwards & Co  
Chartered Accountants  
Kemp House  
152-160 City Road,  
LONDON,  
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE LONDON SOCIETY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The London Society**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended

31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 which are set out on pages 3 to 6

**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**

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.

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.

**Stuart Edwards**  
**Chartered Accountant**  
**Kemp House,152-160 City Road,**  
**LONDON, EC1V 2NX**

.....**Date.**

# The London Society

## Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Receipts</b>			
Subscriptions & Gift Aid Recovered	2	26,966	25,205
Visits, Events & Lectures		12,185	6,754
Corporate Donations	2	25,500	15,236
Investment Income		5,781	5,668
HMRC CVJRS		-	2,293
Donations		380	901
Library, tie and map sales		283	12
		—	—
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>71,095</b>	<b>56,069</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Visits, Events & Lectures		6,688	1,273
Events' Administration		-	749
Journal		10,570	8,234
Printing, Postage, Stationery		1,137	1,952
IT, Website, Telephone		1,401	2,059
Equipment		272	-
Publicity and Promotion		-	-
Subscriptions Refunded		195	438
Subscriptions		382	167
Administrative Services		15,472	13,505
Director's Fees		20,444	19,208
Redundancy Payment		-	3,302
Insurance		202	230
Accountant's Fees		525	475
		—	—
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>57,288</b>	<b>51,592</b>
<b>Net Receipts/ (Payments) From Ordinary Activities</b>		<b>13,807</b>	<b>4,477</b>
<b>Reserves Brought Forward</b>		<b>137,825</b>	<b>133,348</b>
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<b>Reserves Carried forward</b>	3	<b>£151,632</b>	<b>£137,825</b>
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# The London Society

## Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>		-	-
<b>Investments at Cost</b>	4	105,000	105,000
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors and prepayments		-	-
Cash at bank		46,632	32,825
		<u>46,632</u>	<u>32,825</u>
<b>Less: Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors and accruals		-	-
		<u>46,632</u>	<u>32,825</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>£151,632</b>	<b>£137,825</b>
<b>Reserves:</b>			
General Reserve	3	151,632	137,825
		<u>£151,632</u>	<u>£137,825</u>

The financial statements on pages 3 to 6 were approved by the Executive Committee of the Society on

.....2022 and signed on its behalf by the following:

..... (Typed Name) Executive Committee Member

..... (Typed Name) Executive Committee Member

..... (Typed Name) Secretary

The notes on pages 5 & 6 form part of these accounts.

# The London Society

## Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31 December 2021

### 1. Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Accounting Convention

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

#### 1.2 Subscriptions & Gift Aid Repayments

These are included in the accounts when received and no amount is carried forward in respect of Life memberships.

#### 1.3 Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Equipment purchased is written off in the year of purchase.

#### 1.4 Legacies

Legacies unless otherwise specified by the testator, are included in the accounts in the year they are received.

### 2. Income

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Subscriptions &amp; Gift Aid Recovered</b>		
Subscriptions & memberships	22,846	20,962
Gift Aid Recovered	4,120	4,243
	<u>26,966</u>	<u>25,205</u>
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**The London Society**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2021**

<b>2. Income (Cont'd)</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Corporate Donations:</b>		
	£	£
Allies & Morr LLP	-	1,250
Almacantar (Love Letters to London £3,000)	3,000	1,250
Barr GZTS	500	-
Bedford Estates	500	-
Berkeley Group	-	1,000
Buckley Gray Yeoman	-	1,250
Cadogan Estates	1,250	1,250
EH Smith Builders	1,750	-
Grosvenor Estate	6,250	1,250
Hawkins Brown	-	986
HTA Design	250	-
Pollard Thomas Edward	500	-
Portman Settled Estates	1,250	1,250
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Space Syntax	1,250	-
Stiffe & Trevillion (Love Letters to London £1250)	4,750	1,250
ft'work (Love Letters to London £2,500)	3,000	2,000
<b>Total Corporate Donations</b>	<b><u>£25,500</u></b>	<b><u>£15,236</u></b>

**3. Reserve and Investment Policy**

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**For the year ended 31 December 2021**

**4. COIF Charities Investment Fund**

	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Holding: No of Units</b>	10,931.72	<i>10,931.72</i>
<b>Cost</b>	£105,000	<i>£105,000</i>
<b>Market Value (mid-market value)</b>	£224,502	<i>£196,896</i>
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# **The London Society**

## **Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 December 2021**

**Charity Registration No. 206270**

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# The London Society

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# The London Society

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**The London Society**  
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**For the year ended 31 December 2021**

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**For the year ended 31 December 2021**

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**THE LONDON SOCIETY**

England & Wales - Charity number 206270

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 June 2020 Period start date  
To 31 May 2021 Period end date

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Charity registration number: 206270

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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	

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	The Charity's governing document is its Constitution adopted in 1912 and last amended 21 July 2020
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association with membership open to the public by subscription
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	Trustees who have been duly nominated and seconded by current paid up members of the Society are put forward for approval and adoption at the Annual General Meetings of the Society held in June/July each year, or as soon as possible thereafter.

### 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 London Society
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	206270
Charity's principal address	Mortimer Wheeler House 46 Eagle Wharf Road London N1 7ED



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Financial & Charities (Authorised by HMRC to submit accounts)	Stuart Edwards	Stuart Edwards & Co Kemp House 152-160 City Road London EC1V 2NX

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

Don Brown - Director

### 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)		
Full name(s)	Barry Coidan	Alpa Depani
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Hon. Treasurer	Hon. Secretary
Date	29 October 2021	

# **The London Society**

## **Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 December 2020**

**Charity Registration No. 206270**

**AS APPROVED AT THE LONDON SOCIETY  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 5 JULY 2021**

**Stuart Edwards & Co  
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE LONDON SOCIETY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The London Society**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 which are set out on pages 3 to 6

**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**

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.

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.

**Stuart Edwards  
Chartered Accountant  
Kemp House,152-160 City Road,  
LONDON, EC1V 2NX**

.....**Date.**

# The London Society

## Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Receipts</b>			
Subscriptions & Gift Aid Recovered	2	25,205	28,702
Visits, Events & lectures		6,754	15,676
Corporate Donations		15,236	14,986
Investment Income		5,668	5,559
HMRC CVJRS		2,293	-
Donations		901	1,648
Library, tie and map sales		12	10
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<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>56,069</b>	<b>66,581</b>
<b>Payments</b>			
Visits, Events & Lectures		1,273	12,375
Events' Administration		749	9,303
Journal		8,234	8,594
Printing, Postage, Stationery		1,952	2,957
IT, Website, Telephone		2,059	1,810
Equipment		-	7
Publicity and Promotion		-	-
Subscriptions Refunded		438	120
Subscriptions		167	252
Administrative Services		13,505	10,073
Directors Fees		19,208	17,835
Redundancy Payment		3,302	-
Insurance		230	218
Accountant's Fees		475	475
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<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>51,592</b>	<b>64,018</b>
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<b>Net Receipts/ (Payments) From Ordinary Activities</b>		<b>4,477</b>	<b>2,563</b>
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<b>Reserves Brought Forward</b>		<b>133,348</b>	<b>130,785</b>
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# The London Society

## Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2020

	Note	2020	2019
		£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>		-	-
<b>Investments at Cost</b>	4	105,000	105,000
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors and prepayments		-	-
Cash at bank		32,825	28,348
		<u>32,825</u>	<u>28,348</u>
<b>Less: Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors and accruals		-	-
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<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>£137,825</b>	<b>£133,348</b>
<b>Reserves:</b>			
General Reserve	3	137,825	133,348
		<u>£137,825</u>	<u>£133,348</u>

The financial statements on pages 3 to 6 were approved by the Executive Committee of the Society on

5 JULY 2021 and signed on its behalf by the following:

..... (LEANNE TRITTON) Chair

..... (BARRY COIDAN) Hon. Treasurer

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The notes on pages 5 & 6 form part of these accounts.

# The London Society

## Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31 December 2020

### 1. Accounting policies

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#### 1.2 Subscriptions & Gift Aid Repayments

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Legacies unless otherwise specified by the testator, are included in the accounts in the year when they are received

### 2. Income

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
<b>Subscriptions &amp; Gift Aid Recovered</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Subscriptions & memberships	20,962	21,227
Gift Aid Recovered	4,243	7,475
	<u>25,205</u>	<u>28,702</u>
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# The London Society

## Notes to the Accounts For the year ended 31 December 2020

### 2. Income (Cont'd)

#### Corporate Donations:

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Buckley Gray Yeoman	1,250	1,000
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Derwent London	-	1,000
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	<u>£15,236</u>	<u>14,986</u>

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### 4. COIF Charities Investment Fund

	2020	2019
<b>Holding: No of Units</b>	10,931.72	10,931.72
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