



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 June 2022 Period start date
To 31 May 2023 Period end date

Charity name: The London Society

Charity registration number: 206270

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Charity's object is "stimulating wider concern for the beauty of the capital city, for the preservation of its charms and for the careful consideration for its development".
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	<p>In pursuance of its objectives the Society undertakes, inter alia, the following activities:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organises a programme of events including, lectures and discussions, visits walks and tours, and social and networking occasions.• Produces and publishes papers and discussion documents on a variety of subjects relevant to London's development and quality of life.• Produces, publishes and distributes the Journal of The London Society as part of membership benefits.• Keeps a watching brief on major planning and development issues and encourages constructive involvement in, and discussion thereon, among membership and the public at large.• Issues regular newsletters and bulletins to membership and those on the Society's mailing list covering coming events and other current topics.• Maintains liaison with London's local amenity associations through membership of London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies.• Advises the APPG on London Planning and Built Environment

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance and are confident that they comply.
--	-----------	--

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

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	<p>During the past year the Society has:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued with its financial goals to stabilise finances, producing a small surplus. Maintained a programme of 'in person' events. Produced online content for the communication of London's built environment. Continued to act as sponsors of an All Party Parliamentary Group on London's Planning and Built Environment. Increased the visibility of the Society through presence on social media and the growth of the Society's email marketing list. Worked on a new book, London of the Future, which will be published in September 2023 Started work on a new podcast that will explore the history and

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

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	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
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 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>
---	-----------	--

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	
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

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	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

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
--------------	-----------------------------------	--

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

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)



Y Erol

Full name(s)

Leanne Tritton

Yusuf Erol

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chair

Hon. Secretary

Date

12.03.24