



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

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Charity registration number: 206270

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Registered charity number	206270
Charity's principal address	Mortimer Wheeler House 46 Eagle Wharf Road London N1 7ED

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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	

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)

	
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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

The London Society
Draft Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2023

Charity Registration No. 206270

Stuart Edwards & Co
Chartered
Accountants
124, City Road,
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

31st 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 £
Receipts			
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
		_____	_____
Total Receipts		101,175	66,394
		_____	_____
Payments			
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
		_____	_____
Total Payments		103,952	76,850
		_____	_____
Net Receipts/ (Payments) From Ordinary Activities		(2,777)	(10,456)
		_____	_____
Reserves Brought Forward		141,176	151,632
		_____	_____
Reserves Carried forward	3	£138,399	£141,176
		_____	_____

The London Society
Balance Sheet
As at 31 December 2023

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

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

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..... (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
Subscriptions , Gift Aid Recovered ,& Legacy	£	£
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)

Corporate Donations/Sponsorship(General)		<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>
2			
a	<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>
2b			
	<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>
2c			
	<u>Love Letters to London Donations</u>		

	£	£
Almacantar	6,000	5,000
Stiff & Trevillion	3,000	2,500
Harriet Trust	3,000	-
ft'work	-	2,500
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>
Total Donations/Sponsorship	<u>52,068</u>	<u>21,250</u>

3 Reserve and Investment Policy

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. The Trustees refine their business plans as each financial year proceeds.

4. COIF Charities Investment Fund

	2023	2022
Holding: No of Units	10,931.72	10,931.72
Cost	£105,000	£105,000
Market Value (mid-market value)	£216,940	£198,683
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Chair	Hon. Secretary
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Date

30 October 2022
