

THE GURDJIEFF SOCIETY
(A company limited by guarantee)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

Trustees	J Connell R C C Temple, Co-Chairman L J N Morrocco S E Wood A M Planidin N Jobst A Courtnenay-Mayers J Thorold, Co-Chairman B Beatley (Deceased 14 July 2022) D Bethge S Bethge A W H Gibbs, Joint Treasurer C R Glanville, Joint Treasurer M J K Planidin
Company registered number	00555631
Charity registered number	207480
Registered office	14th Floor 33 Cavendish Square London W1G 0PW
Company secretary	R C C Temple
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TRUSTEES' REPORT
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The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the The Gurdjieff Society for the year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the Company qualifies as small under section 382 of the Companies Act 2006, the Strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The Society is constituted as a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 6th October 1955 and registered as a charity on 28 December 1967. The charitable company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

b. Strategies for achieving objectives

The Society aims to maintain and develop the practical approach to research initiated by G.I. Gurdjieff and his closest pupils and to invite participation in this work from those members of the public who express a serious interest in pursuing it.

c. Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

The principal aim of the Society is research into the advancement of mankind and the development of thought, through lectures, meetings and other activities - specifically in relation to the teachings of G.I. Gurdjieff.

Under the Articles of Association, the Board of Directors is known as the Council of the Society. The members are also Trustees for the purposes of the Charities Act 1993.

When reviewing the Society's aims and objectives in planning future activities, the Council have considered the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

d. Main activities undertaken to further the Company's purposes for the public benefit

Since 1955, the activities of the Society have been conducted mainly at its two properties in London, and also at its property in Berkshire. The activities include meetings in small groups to exchange views and study specific material, the practice of dances known as the "movements", musical activities and various crafts, and work on translations and literature associated with the ideas of G.I.Gurdjieff.

At our Berkshire facility we aim to provide an education in practical work and crafts, which have included glass working, mosaics, painting, sewing, upholstery, carpentry, horticulture, building restoration methods, the study of sound and the making of simple musical instruments, with the emphasis on working with a sustained effort of attention, along the lines of the ideas of G.I.Gurdjieff.

The Society maintains a website, www.gurdjieff.com, which provides a contact point for enquiries from members of the public. Although some responses are limited to a passing curiosity, those who express a genuine interest are given advice on any questions raised and on suitable preparatory reading about G.I.Gurdjieff's teachings. When an enquirer demonstrates a sincere interest in engaging in the Society's activities, then the Council will offer an opportunity to meet and discuss matters in person. Although mainly based in London, the Society also conducts activities in several regional locations within the United Kingdom, and in the Republic of Ireland. Consequently, potential participants are not generally precluded from joining because of their location. Enquiries from those who live outside the UK are referred to the appropriate Gurdjieff foundation abroad. The Society maintains contacts with numerous such foundations overseas.

Members and participants of the Society also hold public meetings at various locations throughout the United Kingdom, where an introduction to the ideas of G.I.Gurdjieff is given and public interest is invited.

The Society presents regular cultural events (e.g. lectures, musical performances, storytelling and poetry), open to the public for a nominal entrance fee, at one of its London properties. A website, www.clarendonevents.org.uk, is maintained to advertise these events.

The Society also maintains the website www.in-between.org.uk, which presents material on a wide range of cultural topics, including subjects directly related to the teaching of G.I.Gurdjieff. Visitors to the website are invited to contribute material for review and possible publication on the site.

The Society does not discriminate against potential participants on grounds of age, race, sex or religion.

The Council has updated the Society's policy on Safeguarding to meet requirements of current Charity Commission guidance. A senior trustee has been appointed to take charge of this matter and a team of Society members stands ready to respond to any Safeguarding issues which might arise. Appropriate Safeguarding policy documents have been created, announced and made available to all participants in the Society's activities. The Council is fully committed to keeping the subject of Safeguarding under regular review and to maintaining future compliance with any further developments in Charity Commission guidance.

Those people who are actively involved in the aims of the society are generally asked to contribute towards the running costs of the Society, but it has always been, and remains, the Council's firm policy that nobody shall be excluded from activities because of lack of financial means. Existing contributors who experience temporary financial difficulties are invited to resume contributing when they are able to do so.

It has been established from the outset that all members of the Council give of their time freely and no remuneration was paid to any member of the Council in the year. Expenses paid to Council members (e.g. for travel abroad in furtherance of the Society's aims) are properly recorded in the accounts.

Any private benefit which may accrue to members or participants in the Society's activities is purely incidental.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

The Council members have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Society should undertake.

Achievements and performance

a. Key performance indicators

The statement of financial activities shows a net increase of funds of £45,663 (2022: decrease of £14,925) before other recognised gains of £200,000 (2022: £nil). Reserves stand in total at £9,266,835 (2022: £9,021,172) of which, £457,968 (2022: £412,305) are free reserves.

b. Review of activities

Following the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, the Society was able to resume most activities in pursuance of its objectives at its three properties. In order to begin the replenishment of reserves which were depleted during the COVID-19 period, and to fund running costs and maintain its properties in good condition, the Society has begun a sustained appeal for increased financial contributions from participants.

The Council continued to foster relationships with Gurdjieff foundations in other countries.

The Society's customary presentations at the Clarendon Events venue were resumed in June 2022 after the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions. Five events were offered, which featured 2 film showings, 2 musical concerts and one scientific lecture.

The Society continued to invite and receive enquiries from the public via its main website, www.gurdjieff.com, and the appropriate responses made, to provide further information about Gurdjieff's teaching and the Society's activities

A range of new material was added to the website <https://www.in-between.org.uk/>.

c. Investment policy and performance

The charitable company holds an investment property from which it derives rental income and which is managed by external agents to achieve market returns.

The freehold property is valued at estimated market value and has been revalued this year.

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Financial review

a. Going concern

As a result of the pandemic the trustees have been in regular touch by email, and some meetings have continued using online communication platforms. The trustees themselves, as is permitted by law, have since the initial lockdown ended continued to meet on a regular basis, to consider how best to continue with the work of the Charity, and to review the Society's business generally, in order to be ready to resume the Society's educational activities as soon as this is both permitted in law and is practicable in fact.

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. Reserves policy

The members of the Council have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets ("the free reserves") held by the charitable company should be no less than two years anticipated expenditure, given the nature of the income of the society.

At this level the Council feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the society in the event of a significant drop in funding. The reserves have maintained the required level this year.

c. Material investments policy

The charitable company continues to hold an investment property.

d. Principal funding

The principal source of income for the society is donations and legacies received from its members. The funds are used to provide facilities for group meetings and discussions and to promote similar societies around the world.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The company is registered as a charitable company limited by guarantee and was set up by a Memorandum of Association on 22 September 1955.

The company is constituted under a Memorandum of Association dated 22 September 1955 and is a registered charity number 207480.

The company was incorporated on 6 October 1955 and commenced trading on that date.

The principal object of the company is to maintain and develop research into the advancement of mankind and the development of thought, through lectures, meetings and other activities. The research relates to the teachings of G.I. Gurdjieff.

There have been no changes in the objectives since the last annual report.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)

b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association. New trustees are elected by the Council from persons contributing to the aims of the society. New trustees are selected on the basis of their contribution to the activities of the society and the benefit they can provide to the governance of the society.

c. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

New trustees are made aware of their responsibilities as trustees by reference to information provided by the Charity Commission.

d. Pay policy for senior staff

There are no senior staff members.

e. Organisational structure and decision-making

All decisions are made by the council or by delegated trustees or members of the society for specific areas of expertise.

f. Financial risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks. They believe that maintaining free reserves at the levels stated will provide sufficient resources.

Trustees' indemnities

The Society provides and maintains indemnity insurance for the committee members as allowed under the charitable company's Articles of Association.

None of the council members had any beneficial interest in the charitable company. All of the council members are members of the charitable company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

Funds held as custodian

There are no funds held as custodian.

Future developments

The Gurdjieff Society continues to extend its activities in furtherance of its objectives including the development of Bray. It is also seeking to strengthen its relationship with the like-minded organisations in North and South America, Europe and, increasingly, many other parts of the world.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Trustees, on _____ and signed on their behalf by:
23/1/2024 | 12:19 GMT

Antony Gibbs

A W H Gibbs
(Trustee)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GURDJIEFF SOCIETY

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Gurdjieff Society (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GURDJIEFF SOCIETY (CONTINUED)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.
- the Trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In order to identify and assess the risks of material misstatements, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations that could be expected to have a material impact on the financial statements, we have considered:

- the results of our enquiries of management and those charged with governance of their assessment of the
- risks of fraud and irregularities; the nature of the company, including its management structure and control systems;
- completeness of income;
- compliance with the Charities Act 2011 requirements and disclosures; and
- effect of Covid on the ongoing performance of the charity.

We also considered laws and regulations relating to employment and the preparation and presentation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006 and the SORP.

Based on this understanding we identified the following matters as being of significance to the entity:

- laws and regulations considered to have a direct effect on the financial statements including UK financial reporting standards, Company Law and Charities Act 2011;
- the timing of the recognition of rental and other income;
- compliance with legislation relating to health and safety and fire risk assessments;
- management bias in selecting accounting policies and determining estimates;
- inappropriate journal entries; and
- the requirement to impair investment properties and the amount of any such impairments.

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We communicated the outcomes of these discussions and enquiries, as well as consideration as to where and how fraud may occur in the entity, to all engagement team members.

Audit procedures undertaken in response to the potential risks relating to irregularities (which include fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations) comprised:

- enquiries of managing trustees and those charged with governance as to whether the entity complies with such laws and regulations and discussion with the same regarding any known or suspected instances of non-compliance;
- enquires with the same co
- proof in total of rental income with reference to the lease agreements;
- analytical review of other income and expenditure;
- assessment of matters reported to management and the result of the subsequent investigation; and
- obtaining an understanding of the relevant controls and testing their operation during the period.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Sumer Auditco

David Pumfrey FCA (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

Sumer Auditco Limited

Statutory Auditors

14th Floor

33 Cavendish Square

London

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Date: 23/1/2024 | 12:19 GMT

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	157,010	157,010	101,733
Investments	4	77,071	77,071	76,756
Total income		<u>234,081</u>	<u>234,081</u>	<u>178,489</u>
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	5	12,722	12,722	13,870
Charitable activities		175,696	175,696	179,544
Total expenditure		<u>188,418</u>	<u>188,418</u>	<u>193,414</u>
Net movement in funds before other recognised gains		45,663	45,663	(14,925)
Other recognised gains:				
Gains on revaluation of fixed assets		200,000	200,000	-
Net movement in funds		<u>245,663</u>	<u>245,663</u>	<u>(14,925)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		9,021,172	9,021,172	9,036,097
Net movement in funds		245,663	245,663	(14,925)
Total funds carried forward		<u>9,266,835</u>	<u>9,266,835</u>	<u>9,021,172</u>

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 15 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	5,192,826	5,193,368
Heritage assets	12	16,200	16,200
Investment property	11	3,600,000	3,400,000
		<u>8,809,026</u>	<u>8,609,568</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	24,850	16,356
Investments	14	318,197	312,910
Cash at bank and in hand		125,867	93,275
		<u>468,914</u>	<u>422,541</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(11,105)	(10,937)
Net current assets		<u>457,809</u>	<u>411,604</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>9,266,835</u>	<u>9,021,172</u>
Total net assets		<u>9,266,835</u>	<u>9,021,172</u>
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds			
Designated funds	16	8,808,867	8,608,867
General funds	16	457,968	412,305
Total unrestricted funds	16	<u>9,266,835</u>	<u>9,021,172</u>
Total funds		<u>9,266,835</u>	<u>9,021,172</u>

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of financial statements.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to entities subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on _____ and
signed on their behalf by: 23/1/2024 | 12:19 GMT

Antony Gibbs

A W H Gibbs
(Trustee)

The notes on pages 15 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. General information

The Gurdjieff Society is a Company limited by guarantee, and it is incorporated in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 14th Floor, 33 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0PW.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

The Gurdjieff Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Company status

The members of the company are the Trustees named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

2.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Company has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the company is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the company has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the company, or the company is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold. Donated facilities are included at the value to the company where this can be quantified and a third party is bearing the cost. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the company and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Costs of generating funds are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities and Governance costs are costs incurred on the company's operations, including support costs and costs relating to the governance of the company apportioned to charitable activities.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Company to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Company's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

2.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

2.6 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance sheet date. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and shown in the heading Gains/(losses) on investments' in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

Investment properties are included on the balance sheet at their open market value. Although this accounting policy is in accordance with the applicable accounting standard, Charities SORP FRS102 it is a departure from the general requirement of the Companies Act 2006 for all tangible assets to be depreciated. In the opinion of the council members, compliance with the standard is necessary for the financial statements to give a true and fair view. Depreciation or amortisation is only one of many factors reflected in the annual valuation and the amount of this which might otherwise have been charged cannot be separately identified or quantified.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised

A review for impairment of a fixed asset is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of any fixed asset may not be recoverable. Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts are recognised as impairments. Impairment losses are recognised in the Statement of financial activities incorporating income and expenditure account.

The Society does not provide for depreciation on freehold buildings. It is considered however, that non-compliance with the standard does not have a material effect on the financial statements since it is the Society's policy to maintain freehold buildings to a standard which will prolong their useful lives indefinitely and certainly for greater than 50 years and to ensure that their value will not diminish over time. Maintenance costs are charged to the income and expenditure account in the period incurred. In the opinion of the Council, therefore, any charge for depreciation would be immaterial.

Tangible fixed assets are carried at cost, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is not charged on freehold land. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	- 15% straight line
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2.8 Heritage assets

Where heritage assets have been purchased, they are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, heritage assets are measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

2.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.11 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Company anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.12 Financial instruments

The Company only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.13 Pensions

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Company to the fund in respect of the year.

2.14 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Company and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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.

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations	157,010	157,010	92,239
Legacies	-	-	9,494
	<u>157,010</u>	<u>157,010</u>	<u>101,733</u>

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Investment income - rental income	71,029	71,029	74,404
Investment income - interest receivable	6,042	6,042	2,352
	<u>77,071</u>	<u>77,071</u>	<u>76,756</u>

5. Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Expenditure on investment management	12,722	12,722	13,870

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6. Analysis of charitable expenditure

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Study & International costs	49,069	49,069	51,302
Property expenses	107,416	107,416	108,753
Charity management	3,451	3,451	4,565
Governance costs	15,760	15,760	14,924
	<u>175,696</u>	<u>175,696</u>	<u>179,544</u>

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6. Analysis of charitable expenditure (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Study & International costs 2023 £	Property expenses 2023 £	Charity management 2023 £	Governance Costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Staff costs	37,801	-	-	6,552	44,353	43,846
Depreciation	542	-	-	-	542	695
Travel	562	-	-	-	562	939
Events and expenditure	5,126	-	-	-	5,126	906
Light & heat	-	19,017	-	-	19,017	13,088
Rates	-	42,654	-	-	42,654	27,654
Repairs and maintenance	-	7,340	-	-	7,340	37,979
Insurance	-	16,882	-	-	16,882	14,351
Bank charges	-	-	-	385	385	283
Household expenses	-	21,523	-	-	21,523	15,681
General admin fees	-	-	480	8,823	9,303	8,809
Printing, postage & stationery	-	-	2,971	-	2,971	3,845
Membership fees	5,038	-	-	-	5,038	4,510
Books costs	-	-	-	-	-	6,958
Total 2023	49,069	107,416	3,451	15,760	175,696	179,544
Total 2022	51,302	108,753	4,565	14,924	179,544	

7. Auditors' remuneration

The Auditor's remuneration amounts to an Audit fee of £6,840 (2022 - £6,000), and fees for other services of £815 (2022 - £1,535)

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8. Staff costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	37,801	37,294
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	6,552	6,552
	<u>44,353</u>	<u>43,846</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the year was as follows:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Property Supervisor	1	1
Cleaner	1	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2023, Trustees received the reimbursement of expenses amounting to £562 (2022 - £939).

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2022	5,192,667	186,842	5,379,509
At 31 March 2023	5,192,667	186,842	5,379,509
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	-	186,141	186,141
Charge for the year	-	542	542
At 31 March 2023	-	186,683	186,683
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	5,192,667	159	5,192,826
At 31 March 2022	5,192,667	701	5,193,368

In the Trustees' opinion, the value of the freehold buildings at 31 March 2022 was not less than £15m.

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11. Investment property

	Freehold investment property £
Valuation	
At 1 April 2022	3,400,000
Revaluation	200,000
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At 31 March 2023	3,600,000
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Comprising	
Cost	24,050
Annual revaluation surplus	-
2010	1,975,950
2011	1,250,000
2014	1,250,000
2018	(1,000,000)
2019	(280,000)
2021	180,000
2023	200,000
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	3,600,000
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12. Heritage assets

Assets recognised at cost

	Heritage asset 1 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Carrying value at 1 April 2022	16,200	16,200
	<u>16,200</u>	<u>16,200</u>

The heritage asset relates to the former home of G I Gurdjieff, the Society's founder, and is owned equally between the Society (UK), and those in Paris and New York with maintenance cost shared equally.

The asset is held as a holding of 1,100 shares in the Societe Civil Immobiliere, having been acquired by donation in 1979.

13. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Other debtors	3,429	3,428
Prepayments and accrued income	5,888	5,114
Tax recoverable	15,533	7,814
	<u>24,850</u>	<u>16,356</u>

14. Current asset investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Term deposit account	<u>318,197</u>	<u>312,910</u>

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15. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	4,937	4,937
Accruals and deferred income	6,168	6,000
	<u>11,105</u>	<u>10,937</u>

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16. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Freehold Property Fund	5,192,667	-	-	-	5,192,667
Heritage Asset Fund	16,200	-	-	-	16,200
Investment Property Fund	3,400,000	-	-	200,000	3,600,000
	<u>8,608,867</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>8,808,867</u>
General funds					
Free reserves	<u>412,305</u>	<u>234,081</u>	<u>(188,418)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>457,968</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>9,021,172</u>	<u>234,081</u>	<u>(188,418)</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>9,266,835</u>

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Freehold Property Fund	-	-	-	5,192,667	5,192,667
Heritage Asset Fund	-	-	-	16,200	16,200
Investment Property Fund	3,375,950	-	-	24,050	3,400,000
	<u>3,375,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,232,917</u>	<u>8,608,867</u>
General funds					
Free reserves	<u>5,660,147</u>	<u>178,489</u>	<u>(193,414)</u>	<u>(5,232,917)</u>	<u>412,305</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>9,036,097</u>	<u>178,489</u>	<u>(193,414)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,021,172</u>

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

Designated funds

Funds have been designated by the Trustees as follows:

Freehold Property Fund - This represents the carrying value of the charity's freehold property.

Heritage Assets Fund - This represents the carrying value of the charity's heritage assets.

Investment Property Fund - This represents the carrying value of the charity's investment properties.

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	5,192,826	5,192,826
Investment property	3,600,000	3,600,000
Heritage assets	16,200	16,200
Current assets	468,914	468,914
Creditors due within one year	(11,105)	(11,105)
Total	<u>9,266,835</u>	<u>9,266,835</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	5,193,368	5,193,368
Investment property	3,400,000	3,400,000
Heritage assets	16,200	16,200
Current assets	422,540	422,540
Creditors due within one year	(10,937)	(10,937)
Total	<u>9,021,171</u>	<u>9,021,171</u>

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18. Pension commitments

The charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amounted to £6,552 (2022: £6,552).