

THE SAINT JOHN'S WOOD SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 232270

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1964-01-15

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ENCOURAGE HIGH STANDARDS OF ARCHITECTURE AND TOWN PLANNING IN ST. JOHN'S WOOD AND STIMULATE PUBLIC INTEREST AND CARE FOR THE BEAUTY, HISTORY AND CHARACTER OF ST. JOHN'S WOOD.

Activities: To encourage the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest in St. John's Wood.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ST. JOHN'S WOOD
- City Of Westminster

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£37,296	£30,206	-	-
2024-03-31	£25,786	£21,818	-	-
2023-03-31	£26,803	£21,618	-	-
2022-03-31	£16,291	£11,569	-	-
2021-03-31	£12,689	£8,157	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Linda Taggart	Chair	2024-10-29
CHRISTINE COWDRAY		2011-09-26
Christina Mavrokefalou Diamanti		2023-10-30
James Edward Hewitt		2017-10-10
Jane Elizabeth TREHARNE JONES		2023-10-30
Laurence Lecacheur		2023-10-30
Matthew Frind Cragoe		2023-10-30
Sanji De Alwis		2020-01-15
VIRGINIA NEWMAN		2012-11-01

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended

31 MARCH 2025

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ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

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The Society strives to foster a close working relationship with other local amenity groups.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Executive Committee reviews the level of income and expenditure and performance of the investments at regular meetings held during the year. As shown on page 5, the financial activities during the year resulted in a net surplus of income over expenditure of £7,090 (2024 £3,968).

The principal funding sources for the Society are by way of membership fees, advertising and investment income.

The trustees actively seek to increase the number of members in pursuit of the Society's objectives.

The Executive Committee, which meets regularly, examines the Society's requirements for reserves, on a regular basis and in the light of the main risks to the Society.

The Society adopts a prudent approach to the management of its financial reserves, combining cash savings and charitable equity investments. Its policy is to hold reserves sufficient to cover at least two years of recurring administrative expenditure, ensuring resilience and continuity in delivering its charitable objectives.

Any requests for grants are reviewed on an individual basis by the Committee.

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They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:

The Charity has approved D.J.GODDARD ACA to be independent examiner.

Approved by the executive committee on 2 July 2025


L. Taggart


L. Lecacheur

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ST. JOHN'S WOOD SOCIETY**

I report on the accounts of The St. John's Wood Society for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner:

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 143 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act and,
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

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 - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act, have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



D.J.GODDARD ACA, 12 Melcombe Place, Marylebone, London, NW1 6JJ

Dated: 23 July 2025

THE ST. JOHN'S WOOD SOCIETY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	31.3.25 <i>Unrestricted Funds</i> £	31.3.24 <i>Unrestricted Funds</i> £
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT		
Receipts		
Voluntary Receipts :		
Subscriptions	13,108	11,874
Donations	286	416
Advertising	13,225	9,400
Events	7,176	1,033
Investment Income :		
Charifund Units – distributions	3,502	3,063
Total Receipts	<u>37,297</u>	<u>25,786</u>
Payments		
General activities of the Society :		
Magazines, including despatch costs	14,457	11,921
Consultancy re SJW park Churchyard gate design & CIO project	1,335	3,000
Other Expenditure :		
Website costs	771	784
Events costs	7,283	878
Advertising and marketing	759	-
Membership management costs	2,115	2,188
Management and Administration :		
General office expenses	1,306	967
Accountancy fees	690	690
Insurance	1,491	1,390
Total Payments	<u>30,207</u>	<u>21,818</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	7,090	3,968
Gain/(loss) on investment asset : unrealised	2,216	(965)
Assets retained for Charity Use at 1 April	119,291	116,288
Assets retained for Charity Use at 31 March	<u>£128,597</u>	<u>£119,291</u>

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	31.3.25 <i>Unrestricted Funds</i> £	31.3.24 <i>Unrestricted Funds</i> £
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
Investments	54,066	51,850
Bank Accounts	74,898	68,220
Debtors	9,334	8,104
Accruals	(9,701)	(8,883)
	<u>£128,597</u>	<u>£119,291</u>
Assets retained for Charity Use	<u>£128,597</u>	<u>£119,291</u>

Approved by the Executive Committee on 2 July 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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Laurence Lecacheur
Hon. Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

THE ST. JOHN'S WOOD SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO 31 MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES :

(a) Basis of Accounting :

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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 2015)' and Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of fixed asset investments at market value.

(b) Investment Income :

Investment income is included in the unrestricted funds when received and there are no restrictions on its use.

(c) Investments :

Investments are included in the balance sheet at market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses are included in the unrestricted funds.

(d) Funds :

The unrestricted accumulated fund is available for use in accordance with the aims of the society.

2. INVESTMENT :

The investment, shown below, is held to enable the society to fund its activities as and when needed. It is quoted on the London Stock Exchange.

	2025 £	2024 £
The Equities Investment Fund for Charities ("Charifund") - 3,561 Income Units :		
Market value at 1 April (3,561 units)	51,850	52,815
Add : Unrealised gain/(loss) for the year	2,216	(965)
	<u>54,066</u>	<u>51,850</u>
Market value at 31 March (3,561 units)	£54,066	£51,850
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Historical cost at 31 March	£27,024	£27,024
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3. TAXATION :

As a charity, the Society is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within s505 of the Taxes Act 1988 and s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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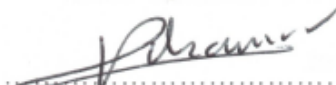
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:

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Approved by the executive committee on 2 July 2024



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R.Schumacher



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L.Lecacheur

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Signed: 

D.J.GODDARD ACA, 12 Melcombe Place, Marylebone, London, NW1 6JJ

Dated: 16 August 2024

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	31.3.24 Unrestricted Funds £	31.3.23 Unrestricted Funds £
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT		
Receipts		
Voluntary Receipts :		
Subscriptions	11,874	11,630
Donations	416	-
Advertising	9,400	8,200
Events	1,033	4,000
Investment Income :		
Charifund Units – distributions	3,063	2,973
Total Receipts	<u>25,786</u> -----	<u>26,803</u> -----
Payments		
General activities of the Society :		
Newsletters, including despatch costs	11,921	10,636
Consultancy re St John's Wood Churchyard	3,000	-
Other Expenditure :		
Website costs	784	348
Events costs	878	4,937
Membership management costs	2,188	2,184
Management and Administration :		
General office expenses	967	1,591
Accountancy fees	690	690
Insurance	1,390	1,232
Total Payments	<u>21,818</u> -----	<u>21,618</u> -----
Excess of Receipts over Payments	3,968	5,185
Gain/(loss) on investment asset : unrealised	(965)	(3,438)
Assets retained for Charity Use at 1 April	116,288	114,541
Assets retained for Charity Use at 31 March	<u>£119,291</u> =====	<u>£116,288</u> =====

THE ST. JOHN'S WOOD SOCIETY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	31.3.24 Unrestricted Funds £	31.3.23 Unrestricted Funds £
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
Investments	51,850	52,815
Bank Accounts	68,220	66,288
Debtors	8,104	5,501
Accruals	(8,883)	(8,316)
	<u>£119,291</u>	<u>£116,288</u>
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Approved by the Executive Committee on 2 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Laurence Lecacheur
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Market value at 1 April (3,561 units)	52,815	56,253
Add : Unrealised gain/(loss) for the year	(965)	(3,438)
Market value at 31 March (3,561 units)	<u>£51,850</u>	<u>£52,815</u>
Historical cost at 31 March	<u>£27,024</u>	<u>£27,024</u>

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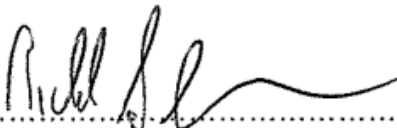
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R. Schumacher


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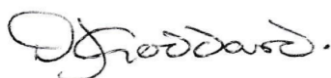
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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep proper accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act, have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



D.J.GODDARD ACA, 12 Melcombe Place, Marylebone, London, NW1 6JJ

Dated: 22 September 2023

THE ST. JOHN'S WOOD SOCIETY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	31.3.23 Unrestricted Funds £	31.3.22 Unrestricted Funds £
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT		
Receipts		
Voluntary Receipts :		
Subscriptions	11,630	9,370
Advertising	8,200	4,250
Events	4,000	-
Investment Income :		
Charifund Units – distributions	2,973	2,671
Total Receipts	<u>26,803</u>	<u>16,291</u>
Payments		
General activities of the Society :		
Newsletters, including despatch costs	10,636	5,741
Other Expenditure :		
Website costs	348	685
Events costs	4,937	-
Wild Apricot costs	2,184	2,435
Management and Administration :		
General office expenses	2,823	2,018
Accountancy fees	690	690
Total Payments	<u>21,618</u>	<u>11,569</u>
Excess of Receipts over Payments	5,185	4,722
Gain/(loss) on investment asset : unrealised	(3,438)	3,821
Assets retained for Charity Use at 1 April	<u>114,541</u>	<u>105,998</u>
Assets retained for Charity Use at 31 March	<u><u>£116,288</u></u>	<u><u>£114,541</u></u>

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	31.3.23 Unrestricted Funds £	31.3.22 Unrestricted Funds £
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES		
Investments	52,815	56,253
Bank Accounts	66,288	59,708
Debtors	5,501	1,592
Accruals	(8,316)	(3,012)
	<u>£116,288</u>	<u>£114,541</u>
Assets retained for Charity Use	<u>£116,288</u>	<u>£114,541</u>

Approved by the Executive Committee on 5 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



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Hon. Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee
Robert Law

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.

THE ST. JOHN'S WOOD SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO 31 MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES :

(a) Basis of Accounting :

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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 2015)' and Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of fixed asset investments at market value.

(b) Investment Income :

Investment income is included in the unrestricted funds when received and there are no restrictions on its use.

(c) Investments :

Investments are included in the balance sheet at market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses are included in the unrestricted funds.

(d) Funds :

The unrestricted accumulated fund is available for use in accordance with the aims of the society.

2. INVESTMENT :

The investment, shown below, is held to enable the society to fund its activities as and when needed. It is quoted on the London Stock Exchange.

	2023	2022
	£	£
The Equities Investment Fund for Charities ("Charifund") - 3,561 Income Units :		
Market value at 1 April (3,561 units)	56,253	52,432
Add : Unrealised gain/(loss) for the year	(3,438)	3,821
	<u>52,815</u>	<u>56,253</u>
Market value at 31 March (3,561 units)	£52,815	£56,253
	<u>52,815</u>	<u>56,253</u>
Historical cost at 31 March	£27,024	£27,024
	<u>27,024</u>	<u>27,024</u>

3. TAXATION :

As a charity, the Society is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within s505 of the Taxes Act 1988 and s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

4. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES :

The Society made no payment during the year (2022 : £Nil) to Ms Christine Cowdray (as chair of the Planning Committee), as she generously declined to accept any payment.

5. INCOME :

Included in income is a generous contribution of £4,000.00 from Westminster City Council towards costs the Society incurred in holding an event to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.