

**THE ST. JOHN'S WOOD SOCIETY**

**Charity Registration No: 232270**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**for the year ended**

**31 MARCH 2025**

**Websters**

**12 Melcombe Place  
Marylebone  
London  
NW1 6JJ**

**THE ST. JOHN'S WOOD SOCIETY**  
**TRUSTEES AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**TRUSTEES:** Listed on page 1

**BANKERS:** Barclays Bank plc  
St. Johns Wood & Swiss Cottage Branch  
P.O. Box 2764  
London  
NW3 6JD

**REGISTERED ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 20586  
London  
NW8 0ZU

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER:** Websters (Chartered Accountants)  
12 Melcombe Place  
Marylebone  
London  
NW1 6JJ

**CHARITY NUMBER:** 232270

## THE ST. JOHN'S WOOD SOCIETY – TRUSTEES

**President:** Ms Jane Leaver

**Hon. Chairman:** Ms Linda Taggart

**Hon. Vice Chairman:** Ms. Virginia Newman

**Hon. Treasurer:** Ms Laurence Lecacheur

**Hon. Secretary:** Ms Jane Treharne Jones

**Committee Members:** Ms Christine Cowdray

Mr Matthew Cragoe

Mr Sanji de Alwis

Ms Christina Diamanti

Mr James Hewitt

Mr Daniel Poser

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees are pleased to present their Report and Financial Statements of the Society for the year ended 31 March 2025. Details of the Trustees who served during the year are shown on page 1.

### ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

The Trustees (who comprise the Executive Committee of the Society) meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the Society. They have a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the Society.

### OBJECTIVES - ACTIVITIES

The main objects of the Society, as set out in its "Constitution", are as follows:

1. To encourage high standards of architecture and town planning in St John's Wood.
2. To stimulate public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of St John's Wood.
3. To encourage the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historical interest in St John's Wood and improve its social and cultural wellbeing.
4. To oppose by any reasonable means available to the Society any development in any part of St John's Wood, which in the view of the Society would detract from the beauty, history and character of that part or from its features of general public amenity or its historical interest.

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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**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

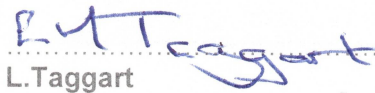
The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993;

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:

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: 23 July 2025**

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	31.3.25 <i>Unrestricted Funds</i> £	31.3.24 <i>Unrestricted Funds</i> £
<b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT</b>		
<b>Receipts</b>		
<b>Voluntary Receipts :</b>		
Subscriptions	13,108	11,874
Donations	286	416
Advertising	13,225	9,400
Events	7,176	1,033
<b>Investment Income :</b>		
Charifund Units – distributions	3,502	3,063
<b>Total Receipts</b>	37,297	25,786
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<b>Payments</b>		
<b>General activities of the Society :</b>		
Magazines, including despatch costs	14,457	11,921
Consultancy re SJW park Churchyard gate design & CIO project	1,335	3,000
<b>Other Expenditure :</b>		
Website costs	771	784
Events costs	7,283	878
Advertising and marketing	759	-
Membership management costs	2,115	2,188
<b>Management and Administration :</b>		
General office expenses	1,306	967
Accountancy fees	690	690
Insurance	1,491	1,390
<b>Total Payments</b>	30,207	21,818
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<b>Excess of Receipts over Payments</b>	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	£128,597	£119,291
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<b>STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>		
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:

  
 .....  
 Laurence Lecacheur  
 Hon. Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee

The attached notes form part of these financial statements.



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## 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 £
<b>The Equities Investment Fund for Charities ("Charifund") - 3,561 Income Units :</b>		
Market value at 1 April (3,561 units)	51,850	52,815
Add : Unrealised gain/(loss) for the year	2,216	(965)
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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.