

**THE SOCIETY FOR DISTRIBUTING  
HEBREW SCRIPTURES**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31ST MARCH 2023**

**Company Number: 503177  
Charity Number: 232692**

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# THE SOCIETY FOR DISTRIBUTING HEBREW SCRIPTURES

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Council Members have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. This report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' Report and a Directors' Report under company law.

The financial statements have been prepared under the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102).

### ***Reference and administrative information***

The Society is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee with no share capital. (Charity number: 232692, Company number: 503177).

### **Council Members**

The following members served during the year:

J Copperwheat	Miss A Lawrence
A R Passmore (Chairman)	J H Pike (Honorary Treasurer)
D Wightman	Mrs H Chipperfield
G Lucas	G Bennett (appointed 13.04.2022)

### **Key Management Personnel**

Dr. Alec Passmore, Mr Ian Corby and General Secretary Mr E Browning were the Key Management Personnel of the charity during the year. In March 2023 Mr Eric Browning stepped down as General Secretary, and the role has been filled by Mr Rohan Meyer going forward.

### **Bankers**

Barclays Bank plc  
5/6 High Street  
Hitchin  
Herts  
SG5 1BJ

### **Auditors**

Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet  
5 Robin Hood Lane  
Sutton  
Surrey SM1 2SW

### **Solicitors**

Wellers  
Tenison House  
Tweedy Road  
Bromley  
Kent BR1 3NF

### **Registered Office**

Joseph House  
1 Bury Mead Road  
Hitchin  
Herts SG5 1RT

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### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS (continued)

#### ***Structure, Governance and Management***

The Society for Distributing Hebrew Scriptures is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 5<sup>th</sup> January 1952 in England & Wales, UK. It is registered with the Charity Commission. The company was established under a new Memorandum of Association in February 2011 which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed by its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

#### **Appointment and induction of Council Members**

Council Members are appointed by the Council and at each Annual General Meeting one third of Council Members will retire from office. On retirement Council Members are eligible for re-election. The Articles of Association provides for a minimum of five Council Members and a maximum of 25. The Council Members are directors of the company. The Council Members are also responsible for the appointment of new members.

New Council Members undergo an induction to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Council and the decision making processes and the recent performance of the charity. They also meet key employees and the other Council Members.

#### **Risk assessment policy**

The Risk Assessment Committee has had further meetings on a regular basis. From these Committee meetings appropriate recommendations are made to Council and action taken accordingly.

The Council members consider, at this time as far as possible, the principal risks and uncertainties facing the charity and have plans and strategies for managing events that might otherwise disrupt the work of the Society. During 2022-2023 the ongoing effects of the Covid crisis are still slightly with us, although apparently diminishing quickly. The Society's offices have been open and continued as previously with Scriptures being sent out every working day. Personal distribution has also continued, but church meetings are still rather limited, although they do still continue. During the past year, there have been no Scripture purchases as current stock has proved sufficient.

#### **Organisational policy**

The Council Members meet every three months and when required there are sub-committees covering finance and investments and other requirements as necessary. The General Secretary, Mr. Rohan Meyer is appointed to manage the day to day operations of the Society. To facilitate effective operations, the General Secretary has delegated authority, within the terms of delegation approved by the Council Members, for operational matters including finance, employment and production and policies for the dissemination of religious knowledge.

The key management personnel of the charity as listed on page 1 are in charge of directing, controlling, running and operating the charity. All Council members give of their time freely and no Council member received any remuneration in the year. Details of Council members' expenses and related party transactions are disclosed in Note 3 to the financial statements.

The salaries of all Society personnel are set by a meeting of Council Members in March of each year. The current national financial situation is taken into consideration, along with the Society's income and a comparison with other similar organisations. All key personnel are treated the same as other employees. For example if an increase of 2% is agreed, all receive 2%. During the current year 2022/2023 and in view of current rising costs it was decided to award a 10% increase in salaries for all employees.

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### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS (continued)

#### ***Objectives and activities***

The principal activity of the Society is the production, publication and distribution of the Hebrew Scriptures.

#### **Policy of the Society**

The policy of the Society is to supply every Jewish home throughout the world with a free copy of the Holy Scriptures, printed in the dual languages of Hebrew and another language appropriate to the recipient.

The policies it has adopted to fulfil this are the production and publication of testaments, religious booklets, leaflets and CD-ROMs which are distributed to the public, and the dissemination of religious knowledge through meetings and conferences.

#### **Public Benefit**

The Council Members confirm that they have had due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit in forming their policy.

The Society has provided public benefit by adhering to its objectives and carrying out the activities referred to in this report, namely the publication and distribution of the Society's Scriptures, free of charge to Jewish people as widely as possible, both in the UK and overseas. This brings spiritual, moral and practical benefits. Those of non-Jewish religions, when met, are also offered free of charge, very attractive English New Testaments and they are widely accepted.

#### ***Achievements and performance***

##### **Review of operations for the year**

During the current year 12,808 Testaments have been distributed, compared to 10,108 in the previous year. 3,753 booklets have been distributed, compared with 3258 in the previous year. Also during the year, 574 CDs were distributed, compared with 987 in the previous year. There is a significant decline in distribution compared to previous years, but the slowly reviving pandemic situation is still with us and we expect this will gradually change for the better.

The Council wish to record the faithfulness of the LORD God Almighty in supplying all the needs of the Society from year to year. The Council also wish to place on record its great appreciation of the loyal and devoted services to the Society of the General Secretary and all other members of staff, including voluntary helpers.

#### ***Financial review***

##### **Overall financial position**

The results for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 9. Net income (pre investment gains) of £77,944 (2022: £8,573) arose in the year. The Society remains heavily dependent on donations and legacies, the income from which was £525,453 (2022: £464,095), with last year's result being heavily influenced by several substantial, but exceptional, legacies. Together with the investment and other income the Society was able to fund its charitable expenditure of £463,107 (2022: £464,589) on charitable activities.

##### **Investment policy**

It is the Council's policy to invest funds in Government Securities, UK Equities, Guaranteed funds and long-term Bank and Building Society deposits to provide income and growth over the medium to long-term which collectively give a low to medium risk portfolio, and will at least maintain the value of the Society's assets in real terms as far as market conditions allow. The charity has made such investments to generate a return and has made no social investments.

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### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS (continued)

#### **Reserves policy**

Council Members have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets and stocks of scriptures held by the charity should equate to approximately one year's worth of other resources expended, approximately £500,000 per annum. At this level the Council feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding.

At the year end, the charity's unrestricted funds were £2,994,126 of which £1,611,519 were employed in the Society's stock and fixed assets.

The level of free reserves at the year-end was £882,607 more than the £500,000 required by the reserves policy. The Council Members expect this to be utilised in the ongoing work of the Society in the next few years.

#### **Fundraising policy**

The Society does not undertake any direct fundraising activity but is pleased to receive donations from churches and individuals who wish to support its work.

#### ***Plans for the future***

In the year ahead we anticipate:

1. At the moment, July 2023, we have no plans for further Testament purchases, there being sufficient stocks of all languages.
2. Continuing the digitisation of the Hebrew Old Testament, this is now almost complete. Further necessary changes are needed in the access software and this currently being undertaken.
3. Slowly the Society is resuming its meetings in Churches and a conference is taking place in the Society's warehouse later this year. Representatives, Mr. Tom Rice – Northern Ireland and Scotland, and Mr. Geraint Howells, Wales and the South-West of England.
4. Personal distribution will continue in North London, Manchester, Hertfordshire, Essex and other places in the UK on a regular basis as distributors come forward.
5. Worldwide distribution will continue through the Society's Representatives in Canada, USA, Caribbean, Suriname, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, South Africa, Israel, India, Australia, New Zealand, Ukraine, Russia, France, Spain and the Netherlands.

#### **Auditors**

A resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting that Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet be reappointed auditors to the Society for the ensuing year.

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(continued)***Council Members' responsibilities***

The Council Members (being directors and trustees of the charitable company) are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Under that law the Council Members have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Council Members 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 the income and expenditure of the company for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the Council Members are required to:

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

The Council Members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to 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.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**Small company**

The above report is prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**A R Passmore**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF**  
**THE SOCIETY FOR DISTRIBUTING HEBREW SCRIPTURES**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Society For Distributing Hebrew Scriptures (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the financial statements, 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 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 Auditor's 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 UK, including the FRC'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 council members' 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 Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

**Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, including the council members' report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The council members 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.

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

- the information given in the Trustees' Report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.



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**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included with the report of the council members.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the 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 council members' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the council members 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 council members report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

**Responsibilities of the council members**

As explained more fully in the council members' responsibilities statement, the council members (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 council members are responsible for assessing the charity'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 council members either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's 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 auditor's 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.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the charity, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to employment and financial reporting legislation and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by making enquiries of management, considering the internal controls in place and discussion amongst the engagement team. We determined that the principal risks were related to the valuation of stock, identification of legacy income, and incorrect payments to third parties.

In response to the risks identified we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- verifying the existence and cost of stocks held
- reviewing council members meeting minutes
- reviewing correspondence relating to legacies
- evaluating the charity's internal controls
- verifying payments to third parties on a sample basis
- identifying and testing journal entries

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There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's 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 and regulations made under that Act. 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.

**Richard Haffenden MA(Cantab) FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
**for and on behalf of Jacob Cavenagh & Skeet**  
**Statutory Auditor**  
**Chartered Accountants**

5 Robin Hood Lane  
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Surrey  
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20<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
(including income & expenditure account)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

		<u><i>Unrestricted</i></u>	<u><i>Funds</i></u>
		<u><i>2023</i></u>	<u><i>2022</i></u>
	<i>Note</i>	<i>£</i>	<i>£</i>
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations		399,094	413,688
Legacies		126,359	50,407
Investments	2	12,650	6,031
Other income		<u>2,948</u>	<u>3,036</u>
<i>Total income</i>		<u>541,051</u>	<u>473,162</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds:			
Investment management		-	148
Charitable activities:			
Production & distribution	4	280,543	260,695
Dissemination of religious knowledge	4	<u>182,564</u>	<u>203,746</u>
<i>Total expenditure</i>		<u>463,107</u>	<u>464,589</u>
Net gain on investments		<u>5,393</u>	<u>26,049</u>
<b>Net income</b>		83,337	34,622
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Funds brought forward		<u>2,910,789</u>	<u>2,876,167</u>
<b>Funds carried forward</b>		<u>2,994,126</u>	<u>2,910,789</u>

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## BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST MARCH 2023

		2023		2022	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	6		615,262		626,787
Investments	7		<u>322,365</u>		<u>316,972</u>
			937,627		943,759
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	8	673,892		725,791	
Debtors	9	38,693		43,321	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,357,585</u>		<u>1,210,669</u>	
		2,070,170		1,979,781	
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	<u>13,671</u>		<u>12,751</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>2,056,499</u>		<u>1,967,030</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>2,994,126</u>		<u>2,910,789</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
Unrestricted funds	11				
General fund (including revaluation reserve of £51,686 (2022: 46,293))			1,704,972		1,558,211
Fixed Asset fund			615,262		626,787
Stock Reserve			<u>673,892</u>		<u>725,791</u>
			<u>2,994,126</u>		<u>2,910,789</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions available to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements were approved by the Council on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

**A R Passmore**  
Honorary Chairman

**Company number 503177**

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## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash provided by operating activities</b> (see below)		137,221		42,315
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>				
Interest and dividends received	12,650		6,031	
Payments for fixed asset additions	( 2,955)		( 1,330)	
Proceeds on investment disposals	<u>-</u>		<u>63,697</u>	
<b>Cash provided by investing activities</b>		<u>9,695</u>		<u>68,398</u>
<b>Net cash inflow</b>		146,916		110,713
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April 2022		<u>1,410,669</u>		<u>1,299,956</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March 2023</b>		<u>1,557,585</u>		<u>1,410,669</u>

### Note 1: Cash flows from operating activities

<b>Net income for the year</b>	83,337	34,622
Interest and dividends included in investing activities	(12,650)	( 6,031)
Depreciation	14,480	15,293
Net unrealised (gains) on investments	(5,393)	(25,425)
Net realised (gains) on investments	-	( 624)
Decrease in stocks	51,899	41,724
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	4,628	(17,530)
Increase in creditors	<u>920</u>	<u>286</u>
<b>Cash provided by operating activities</b>	<u>137,221</u>	<u>42,315</u>

### Note 2: Changes in net funds

<b>Net cash</b>	<b>At 1 April 2022</b>	<b>Cash flow</b>	<b>At 31 March 2023</b>
Cash at bank	1,210,669	146,916	1,357,585
NSI investments	<u>200,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,000</u>
	<u>1,410,669</u>	<u>146,916</u>	<u>1,557,585</u>

## THE SOCIETY FOR DISTRIBUTING HEBREW SCRIPTURES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Society for Distributing Hebrew Scriptures is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 5<sup>th</sup> January 1952 in England & Wales, UK. It is registered with the Charity Commission. Its registered office is Joseph House, 1 Bury Mead Road, Hitchin, Herts SG5 1RT.

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

(a) **Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Companies Act 2006, the Charities Act 2011 and in accordance with the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102). The financial statements are drawn up on the historical cost basis of accounting, as modified by the revaluation of fixed asset investments.

The Society for Distributing Hebrew Scriptures meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in Sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts are rounded to the nearest £.

(b) **Going concern**

The Council members have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The trustees believe the going concern basis of accounting continues to be appropriate in preparing the annual financial statements.

(c) **Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or Council members' estimate of market value less depreciation and any impairment. Depreciation is charged on tangible fixed assets so as to write them off over their expected useful lives at the following rates:

Freehold buildings	–	2% of cost per annum
Office furniture and equipment	–	12.5% - 25% of cost per annum
Motor vehicles	–	25% of cost per annum

Freehold land is not depreciated.

At each reporting date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss.

(d) **Stocks**

Stocks are valued at cost, as they consist of items that are distributed at nil cost to the beneficiaries. As such, in order for the financial statements to represent a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company, the valuation of stock at the lower of cost and net realisable value in accordance with paragraph 10.61 of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), has not been made. Provision is made for old and obsolete stock.

(e) **Debtors**

Income tax recoverable and other debtors are included at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

## THE SOCIETY FOR DISTRIBUTING HEBREW SCRIPTURES

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023 (continued)

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(f) **Cash and cash equivalents**

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 opening of the deposit.

(g) **Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation arising from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

(h) **Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and 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.

(i) **Taxation**

The Society is a registered charity which renders its income exempt from UK corporation tax.

(j) **Income**

Voluntary income and donations (including legacies) are accounted for once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be reliably measured.

(k) **Expenditure**

Expenditure is accrued as soon as a liability is considered probable, discounted to present value for longer term liabilities.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities. It includes both costs that are directly attributable to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them. Support costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect use of the resources. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, other costs are apportioned on an estimated usage. Salary is split 70:30 between production and distribution and dissemination of religious knowledge respectively.

(l) **Investments**

Investments are stated at the mid-market price ruling at the balance sheet date, which is considered to be materially equivalent to the fair value of the investments. Unrealised gains and losses are included in the statement of financial activities. Investment income is stated on a receivable basis. Realised gains and losses arising on disposal of investments are separately identified in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(m) **Funds**

The nature and purposes of the designated funds are explained in note 11.

(n) **Intangible income**

No value has been placed on the support given to the Society by way of unpaid voluntary assistance.

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**1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**(o) Pension costs**

Pension costs are charged in the period in which they are payable to the pension scheme.

<b>2 INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Listed investments	3,901	3,235
Bank and short-term deposit interest	<u>8,749</u>	<u>2,796</u>
	<u>12,650</u>	<u>6,031</u>

<b>3 EMPLOYEE INFORMATION AND RELATED PARTIES</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Salaries	242,653	223,771
Social security costs	19,628	17,188
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	<u>15,471</u>	<u>14,525</u>
	<u>277,752</u>	<u>255,484</u>

There were no individual staff whose emoluments exceeded £60,000 during the year (2022: none).

The average number of persons employed during the year were:	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>No</b>	<b>No</b>
Administration	4	4
Distribution	2	2
Dissemination	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

Contributions by the employer towards money purchase pension schemes were made in respect of 7 employees (2022: 7). The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds. The pension cost and charge represents contributions payable by the company to the funds. At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 no contributions were payable to the funds (2022: £nil).

The Council Members did not receive any remuneration from the company, but some received reimbursement for expenses incurred in attending meetings. The gross amount reimbursed in respect of attendance at meetings and other disbursements in the year was £1,161 (2022: £1,048) for 2 Council Members (2022: 2).

Total remuneration of £45,970 was paid in respect of the employment of Key Management Personnel during the year (2022: £42,881).

There were no other related party transactions during the year.



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**4 CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE**

	<i><b>Direct costs £</b></i>	<i><b>Support costs £</b></i>	<i><b>2023 Total £</b></i>	<i><b>2022 Total £</b></i>
<u>Production and distribution</u>				
Testament costs	51,899	-	51,899	41,724
Salaries	81,359	42,285	123,644	114,072
Distribution	60,510	-	60,150	62,245
Depreciation	-	14,480	14,480	15,293
Repairs and renewals	-	2,363	2,363	3,630
Computer expenses	-	3,250	3,250	2,571
Conferences and advertising	-	967	967	178
Travel and subsistence	-	2,337	2,337	1,053
Other production costs	12,671	-	12,671	12,318
Audit and accountancy	-	3,649	3,649	3,330
Other governance costs	-	4,773	4,773	4,281
	<u>206,439</u>	<u>74,104</u>	<u>280,543</u>	<u>260,695</u>
<u>Dissemination of religious knowledge</u>				
Salaries	131,457	18,122	149,579	137,156
Donations and gifts	-	-	-	40,000
Travel and meeting expenses	9,415	-	9,415	8,121
Vehicle running expenses	1,994	-	1,994	1,459
Magazine costs	10,834	-	10,834	7,007
Bookfairs and exhibitions	485	-	485	-
Stationery and printing	-	3,055	3,055	3,995
Bank charges	-	1,142	1,142	1,041
General expenses	-	2,436	2,436	1,662
Legal and professional	-	15	15	43
Audit and accountancy	-	1,564	1,564	1,427
Other governance costs	-	2,045	2,045	1,835
	<u>154,185</u>	<u>28,379</u>	<u>182,564</u>	<u>203,746</u>
<b><i>Total charitable expenditure</i></b>	<u>360,624</u>	<u>102,483</u>	<u>463,107</u>	<u>464,441</u>

Testament costs represent the cost of scriptures granted to individuals.

**5 NET INCOME**

		<i><b>2023 £</b></i>	<i><b>2022 £</b></i>
The net income is stated after charging the following:			
Depreciation		14,480	15,293
Auditors' remuneration (including VAT):	for audit services	3,200	2,982
	for accountancy services	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,775</u>

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**6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<i><b>Freehold property</b></i>	<i><b>Equipment</b></i>	<i><b>Furniture and and fittings</b></i>	<i><b>Motor vehicles</b></i>	<i><b>Total</b></i>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1st April 2022	823,122	28,335	6,108	17,510	875,075
Additions	-	1,046	1,909	-	2,955
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2023	<u>823,122</u>	<u>29,381</u>	<u>8,017</u>	<u>17,510</u>	<u>878,030</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1st April 2022	198,084	27,236	5,458	17,510	248,288
Provision for the year	13,542	539	399	-	14,480
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st March 2023	<u>211,626</u>	<u>27,775</u>	<u>5,857</u>	<u>17,510</u>	<u>262,768</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31st March 2022	<u>625,038</u>	<u>1,099</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>626,787</u>
At 31st March 2023	<u>611,496</u>	<u>1,606</u>	<u>2,160</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>615,262</u>

**7 INVESTMENTS**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Long term investments</b>		
Fair value at 1st April 2022	116,972	154,620
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	(63,073)
Net unrealised quoted investment gain	<u>5,393</u>	<u>25,425</u>
Fair value at 31st March 2023	<u>122,365</u>	<u>116,972</u>
Long term bank and building society deposits	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
	<u>322,365</u>	<u>316,972</u>

**The fair value comprises:**

Historical cost of investments at 31 March 2023	70,679	70,679
Accumulated unrealised gain	<u>51,686</u>	<u>46,293</u>
	<u>122,365</u>	<u>116,972</u>

Within these investments are the following whose fair values as at 31st March 2023 are considered to be material:

Scottish American Investment Co plc	<u>62,352</u>
Royal Dutch Shell plc	<u>60,013</u>

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8	STOCKS					2023 £	2022 £
	Stocks					673,892	725,791
	Stocks consist of Testaments, Religious Booklets and CD-ROMs for distribution.						
9	DEBTORS					2023 £	2022 £
	Income tax recoverable					11,113	11,595
	Prepayments and accrued income					4,661	2,392
	Other debtors					22,919	29,334
						38,693	43,321
10	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year					2023 £	2022 £
	Trade creditors					3,764	3,377
	Other creditors					5,207	5,024
	Accrued expenses					4,700	4,350
						13,671	12,751
11	UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
	2023:	Balance at 1 April £	Net income £	Revaluation £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March £	
	General Fund	1,558,211	77,944	5,393	63,424	1,704,972	
	Designated funds						
	Fixed Asset Fund	626,787	-	-	(11,525)	615,262	
	Stock Reserve	725,791	-	-	(51,899)	673,892	
	Total funds	2,910,789	77,944	5,393	-	2,994,126	
	2022:	Balance at 1 April £	Net income £	Revaluation £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March £	
	General Fund	1,467,902	8,573	26,049	55,687	1,558,211	
	Designated funds						
	Fixed Asset Fund	640,750	-	-	(13,963)	626,787	
	Stock Reserve	767,515	-	-	(41,724)	725,791	
	Total funds	2,876,167	8,573	26,049	-	2,910,789	

The Fixed Asset Fund is a fund whose balance is maintained at a level equal to the net book value of tangible fixed assets held for use by the charity and the Stock Reserve is a fund whose balance is maintained at a level equal to the stocks of scriptures held for distribution. The transfers to the General fund from these funds represent the movement in the net book value of fixed assets and stocks held during the period.

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**12 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

**2023:**

	<i><b>Tangible fixed assets £</b></i>	<i><b>Fixed asset investments £</b></i>	<i><b>Current assets £</b></i>	<i><b>Current liabilities £</b></i>	<i><b>Total funds £</b></i>
General Fund	-	322,365	1,395,728	(13,121)	1,704,972
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Fixed Asset Fund	615,262	-	-	-	615,262
Stock Reserve	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>673,892</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>673,892</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>	<u>615,262</u>	<u>322,365</u>	<u>2,069,620</u>	<u>(13,121)</u>	<u>2,994,126</u>

**2022:**

General Fund	-	316,972	1,253,990	(12,751)	1,558,211
<b>Designated funds</b>					
Fixed Asset Fund	626,787	-	-	-	626,787
Stock Reserve	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>725,791</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>725,791</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>	<u>626,787</u>	<u>316,972</u>	<u>1,979,781</u>	<u>(12,751)</u>	<u>2,910,789</u>

**13 COMPANY STATUS**

The Society is a company incorporated in England and Wales limited by guarantee with no share capital. The liability of each member under guarantee does not exceed the sum of £10.

**14 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

There were no capital commitments as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.