

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF  
ROYAL BELGIAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY IN LONDON  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**Registered Charity No. 233435**

**CRANE & PARTNERS**

**Chartered Accountants**

# ROYAL BELGIAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY IN LONDON

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. T. Vandenkendelaere (Chairman & Honorary Secretary)  
Rev. Canon P. Wright (Vice-Chairman)  
Mr. L. Maistriaux (Treasurer)  
Mr. M. Vanhoonacker  
Dr. C. Van Ruymbeke  
Mrs. A. Verity  
Mr. J-C. Maerten  
Mrs. C. Colvin  
Ms. Verhelst

### ACTIVE MEMBERS

Mr. P. Cameron Taylor  
Mrs. A. Verity  
Mr. P. Sauvage  
Mr. W De Bosscher  
Mr. S. Van Hoof  
Ms R. Van Larken  
Ms C. Schrurs  
Ms J. Hamoir  
Mr. S Gentils  
Mr. S. Dierckx  
Mr. M. Vanhaverbeke  
Mr. C Keyzers

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

G. Atkin FCA  
Crane & Partners  
Chartered Accountants  
Leonard House  
5-7 Newman Road  
Bromley  
Kent  
BR1 1RJ

### BANKERS

Barclays Bank UK PLC  
Leicester  
LE87 2BB

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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**Main Activities and Achievements**

The Society has the sole object of benevolence and charity for the benefit of Belgians in need.

The financial position of the Society is shown by the attached accounts. Three grants totalling £10,000, were made during the year, in accordance with our charitable objectives.

**Grants**

Decisions on grants are made by regular consultation between the members of the Board of Trustees, and matters of general policy are decided at the Annual General Meetings.

**Trustees**

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Mr. T. Vandenkendelaere (Chairman & Honorary Secretary)  
Rev. Canon P. Wright (Vice-Chairman)  
Mr. L. Maistriaux (Treasurer)  
Mr. M. Vanhoonacker  
Dd, C. Van Ruymbeke  
Mrs. A. Verity  
Mr. J-C. Maerten  
Mrs. C. Colvin  
Ms. M Verhelst

**Reserves**

The reserves of the Society are invested with its bankers or in a manner authorised by the Trustee Act 2000 and the Trustee Investment Act 1961.

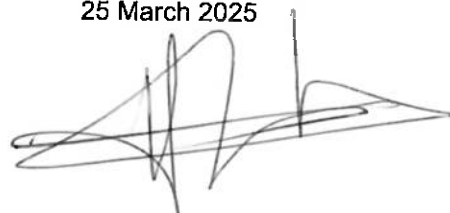
**Royal Patronage**

His Majesty King Philip I has graciously granted his patronage to the Royal Belgian Benevolent Society for a period of five years to December 2024.

**Statement of Trustees Responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs at the Trust at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing the accounts, suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently, and reasonable and prudent judgements have been made. The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the Trust, and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities.

Mr. T. Vandenkendelaere  
Trustee  
25 March 2025



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I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out on pages three to five.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

It is my responsibility to;

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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 material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect;

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Graham Atkin FCA**  
**Crane & Partners**  
Chartered Accountants  
Leonard House  
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Bromley,  
Kent,  
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25 March 2025

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>			
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			
Interest received		16	-
Donations		40,309	11,893
Investment income		5,480	4,509
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>45,805</b>	<b>16,402</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>			
Charitable expenditure:			
Grants payable		10,000	13,000
Donations		-	-
Expenses	2	564	1,030
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>10,564</b>	<b>14,030</b>
<b>Net incoming resources</b>		<b>35,241</b>	<b>2,372</b>
<b>Other recognised Gains/(Losses)</b>			
Realised gain on disposal of investments		-	-
Movement in valuation of investments		9,015	5,086
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>44,256</b>	<b>7,458</b>
<b>Balance brought forward</b>		<b>193,385</b>	<b>185,927</b>
<b>Balance carried forward</b>		<b>237,641</b>	<b>193,385</b>

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## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Investments		200,995		191,979
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Debtors	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	40,774		6,694	
	<u>40,774</u>		<u>6,694</u>	
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	(4,128)		(5,288)	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>36,646</u>		<u>1,406</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>237,641</u></u>		<u><u>193,385</u></u>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		<u><u>237,641</u></u>		<u><u>193,385</u></u>

Approved at a meeting of the trustees held on 25 March 2025

Mr. T. Vandenkendelaere  
Chairman

Mr. L. Maistriaux  
Treasurer

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

## a) Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value.

In preparing the financial statements, the charity followed best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP 2005).

## b) Investment income

Investment income is accounted for in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt.

## c) Resources expended

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

## d) Fixed Asset Investments

Investments are included at closing mid-market value at the Balance Sheet date. Any gain or loss on revaluation is taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.

**2. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES**

	2024 £	2023 £
Accountancy	564	564
Bank charges	-	-
Management fees	-	-
Sundry	-	466
	<u>564</u>	<u>1,030</u>

**3. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Total £
Market value at 1st January 2023	191,979
Additions	-
Movement in valuation during the year	9,016
Market value at 31st December 2024	<u>200,995</u>

**4. FUNDS**

Unrestricted funds represent those funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the