

THE DULWICH SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 234192

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1964-05-01

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

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Activities

Objects: A. TO MAINTAIN AND FOSTER THE AMENITIES OF DULWICH IN THE INTERESTS OF ITS RESIDENTS AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY OF WHICH DULWICH IS PART. B. TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE OPEN SPACES AND ENCOURAGE THE PROPER PUBLIC USE THEREOF. C. TO SAFEGUARD THE TREES. GARDENS, VERGES, WILD LIFE AND OTHER NATURAL ENDOWMENTS. D. TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT BUILDINGS OF DISTINCTION AND PROMOTE AND ENCOURAGE A GOOD STANDARD OF DESIGN AND APPEARANCE IN BUILDINGS AND STREETS. (FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE CONSITUTION).

Activities: To foster and safeguard the amenities of Dulwich.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DULWICH
- Lambeth
- Southwark

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£32,212	£24,647	-	-
2023-12-31	£32,042	£26,710	-	-
2022-12-31	£24,210	£22,523	-	-
2021-12-31	£25,859	£19,711	-	-
2020-12-31	£16,468	£16,256	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
James Christopher Thompson	Chair	2021-09-14
Celia Catherine RANDELL		2025-05-19
Christine Linda Brandon		2024-05-20
Emily Catherine Montague		2026-04-27
Ian Gavin McInnes		
Jane Louise Jones		2025-03-25
Kimberly Housman Mears		2025-05-19
Laurie Ann Johnston		2023-11-13
PATRICIA BRAMBLE		2018-01-01
Penelope Jane Stern		2021-09-14
Richard Christopher Wingfield		2024-01-15
Russell Frederick Lloyd		
Sharon Deborah O'Connor		2024-05-20
Susan Badman		2015-05-28

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Accounts



The Dulwich Society

Annual Report for the year

1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024

Registered Charity number 234192

Objectives and Activities

Purposes

The Dulwich Society is an unincorporated association registered as a charity on 1 May 1964. Its constitution was adopted on 12 March 1964 and was revised on 20 May 2024. Minor revisions are proposed for approval at the 2025 AGM.

The Society's objectives are to foster and safeguard the amenities of Dulwich, both in the interests of its residents and the wider local community of which it is a part, and to increase awareness of the varied character that makes the area so special.

The Society represents all parts of Dulwich, North, South, East and West in the London Boroughs of Southwark and Lambeth.

Further details of the Society's aims and objectives are [here](#).

Main activities

In planning their activities, the Trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The Society has several activity groups which make recommendations to the Trustees to actively seek improvements in the environment, architecture and planning, licensing, trees, gardens, wildlife habitats and nature/species conservation, and knowledge of local history.

The Society comments regularly on local authority planning applications and is also a consultee for the [Dulwich Estate](#) on all changes to properties within the Estate's Scheme of Management. We encourage change, and welcome good design appropriate to its setting, but actively defend Dulwich against the pressures of inappropriate development. In 2024, the Society has been working with the Dulwich Estate on its Green Strategy.

The Society supports additional tree planting on streets and in public open spaces and organises regular local history talks and walks. The Society has successfully submitted project ideas for using [Southwark Cleaner Greener Safer \(CGS\)](#) funds to enhance the Dulwich environment and improve local safety, securing Council funding to assist in local restoration projects.

Policy on grant-making

The Society's resources currently allow it to make small grants to local projects which meet its objectives, for example improvements to the paths in local woods and parks and funding of benches and information boards. The Society's Policy on grant-making is [here](#).

Contribution made by volunteers

Volunteers play an essential part in the running of the Society. There are over 100 volunteers who sit on various activity groups and deliver the Society's Journal which is issued 4 times a year.

Main achievements

As well as organising many talks and garden events, during 2024 the Society has approved a new Constitution, started to consider a strategic development plan and initiated a member engagement strategy.

Following a 6 month consultation with members, and a Special General Meeting to consider Motions proposed by a group of members, the Society approved a new Constitution at a well-attended Annual General Meeting on 20 May 2024. The new Constitution is based on a Charity Commission template. It will modernise the Society's processes, enabling meetings and votes to be held online for example, and provide for retirement of Trustees by rotation, so that new Trustees can bring a fresh outlook whilst maintaining continuity of the local knowledge and expertise held by existing Trustees.

Richard Wingfield joined as a Trustee in January 2024 and took on the role of Development Lead. At the end of the year a member survey was issued, to better understand the perspectives, priorities and interests of our members. The results, which are summarised in the Development section of this report, will feed into our broader development plans. As part of our member engagement strategy, we have reached out to members through two "Meet the Trustees" events, one targeted at new members and the other at East Dulwich residents. In March 2025, the Trustees held a Strategic Planning day to further develop plans for the future. In preparation for this, the Chair and Treasurer conducted a detailed analysis of the Society's finances.

Towards the end of 2024, planning commenced for a flagship event – "Women and Politics" – which was held on 4 March 2025 to coincide with International Women's Day. Six inspirational women joined us for a discussion and Q&A on the theme of Women and Politics: Baroness Harriet Harman PC, KC; Baroness Caroline Pidgeon, MBE; Helen Hayes, MP; Naima Ali, Mayor of Southwark; Resham Kotecha, Global Head of Policy at the Open Data Institute and Head of Engagement for Women2Win; and Aruna Iyengar, BBC news correspondent, who chaired the evening. The event, held at Alleyn's MCT Theatre, quickly sold out. The discussion and Q&A were fascinating and greatly appreciated by members and their guests, as well as the local Sixth Form students who also attended and received a politics workshop at the start of the evening.

Membership

Membership at the end of 2024 was 1,311. We gained 204 new members and lost 94 during the year.

£2,574 was received in Gift Aid for the financial year 2023-2024.

The Society encourages subscriptions by direct debit (with Gift Aid where eligible), which is easier to administer than other methods. We are grateful to existing members who have switched from standing order to direct debit during the year. New members continue to join via the direct debit link on the website.

There are still 50+ members who pay their subscriptions by cash, cheque and one-off bank payments. The majority of these need multiple reminders and many do not use email. With the cost of postage now so high, it would be appreciated if these members could change to direct debit, which can be set up quickly and easily via our website www.dulwichsociety.com/membership-renewal. Members should note that payment is due on

1 January each year – reminders are given in both eNews and the winter Journal – so that the Society does not waste money chasing payments.

We have recruited more volunteers to deliver the Journal in and around Dulwich, saving approximately £800pa. However, there are still 150+ members outside the delivery zone and postage has increased considerably. Postal members are asked to contribute towards this cost, which is currently £8.40 p.a. per member.

Projects and Grants

During 2024, the Dulwich Society undertook a number of projects, and also made grants to further its charitable objectives, including:

- £5,000 donation to Dulwich Picture Gallery's Open Art project, to revitalise its grounds, create a sculpture garden and Children's Gallery, and connect them to the collection.
- £450 contribution towards the purchase of a keyboard for West Dulwich based Phoenix Players.
- £607 to install 20 swift boxes in East Dulwich, with one day's free labour being donated by a local builder.
- £2,500 contribution towards the £10,000 cost of a gravel path through the Village Copse in Dulwich Park in association with Dulwich Park Friends.

Links and Partnerships

The Society works closely with local councillors and relevant officers of the London Borough of Southwark and with the Dulwich Estate.

Whilst maintaining a neutral position on Southwark's traffic proposals, the Society has been a stakeholder in the discussions on the development of the public realm of the junction of Calton Avenue and Court Lane/Dulwich Village.

During 2024, the Society was represented on the Advisory Committee of the Dulwich Estate's Scheme of Management by James Thompson (Chair) and Penny Stern (Trustee). James Thompson's term of office came to an end in December 2024 and he is replaced by Richard Wingfield (Trustee) in 2025. Society Officers also meet with representatives of the Dulwich Estate regularly on non-Scheme of Management matters.

The Society also has links with a number of other organisations, including:

- The Police Safer Neighbourhood Panels (a Society representative attends each of the Ward Panels)
- Friends groups of local parks (Dulwich Park; Belair Park).
- London Wildlife Trust
- South London Botanical Institute
- Dulwich Festival Committee
- Local Residents' Associations
- Dulwich College Archive
- Dulwich Picture Gallery
- Kingswood Arts
- The Grove Tavern DIY Skateboarders
- The Safe Routes to School Group

- Southwark Living Streets
- The London Forum
- Aviation Environment Federation membership
- Local Schools, e.g. Dulwich College; Alleyn's; JAGS/JAPS; Charter School
- Aquinna, developers of housing in Dulwich Village (to implement a permanent home for the historic Stocks Stone in the Dulwich Village Burial Ground, now installed).

Awards

Brian Green, Local History Group member and former Journal Editor and trustee, was awarded the British Association for Local History's Outstanding Individual Contribution award.

Development

As Development Lead, Richard Wingfield has led our work this year to think through the Society's future and strategic planning. This process started with the Society's first ever survey of its membership in Autumn 2024. Over 100 people engaged with the survey, providing insights into the views of members on their experience of the Society and its activities and events, potential future activities that the Society could look to undertake, and demographic questions to help us understand our membership.

Some of the key findings of the survey were published in the Winter Journal. A significant majority of survey respondents were either "very satisfied" or "quite satisfied" with all the current activities and events, with particularly high satisfaction for the online history talks, monthly eNews and quarterly Journal. We were also pleased to see a large number of positive comments in the open questions, welcoming the current areas of charitable work undertaken by the Society.

While the overwhelming majority of comments received were positive, some respondents also took the opportunity to help us see where the Society could improve when it comes to the work we are currently doing. The two major themes that emerged were, first, that many members wanted to see the Society diversify, both in terms of its activities (and particularly more activities targeted at families and children) and its geographical coverage (especially East and West Dulwich); second, for the Society to increase the level of transparency over its activities and meetings.

Finally, some of the most popular ideas for future activities included local architectural/historical walks, a programme of talks with local public, more regular "meet the trustees" events, events on topical issues such as crime and safety or the environment, and more regular social events.

Building on the results of the survey, the trustees undertook a strategic planning meeting in March, to help guide the development of a strategic plan for the Society's work in the future. As a result of this, the Society has set itself the following objectives:

- To improve the Society's processes for engaging and supporting volunteers
- To increase the number of social events organised by the Society
- To offer more events and activities for families and children in Dulwich
- To increase the Society's presence and visibility in East Dulwich and West Dulwich
- To increase the Society's presence on social media
- To strengthen the Society's focus on local sustainability

Planning and Architecture

The Planning & Architecture Group continues to review local planning applications made to Southwark and Lambeth, and licence applications made to the Dulwich Estate Scheme of Management. With a change in Government there are many changes to the national planning system as well as local planning policy. Most recently this has included reviewing Southwark's Draft Supplementary Planning Documents on Householder Development, Climate and Environment, Section 106 Community Infrastructure Levy and Affordable Housing.

This year we reviewed 193 applications to the Dulwich Estate Scheme of Management. Applications for upgrading properties continue, and we are always keen to argue for the protection of the varied character of buildings that make Dulwich so special.

We have reviewed many local planning applications to our local Councils. Some of the major applications we have commented on include:

- **The Sidings (Railway Rise / Melbourne Grove, East Dulwich):** a mixed scheme
- **Dulwich College:** installation of solar panels
- **James Allen's Girls School:** relocation of the Pre-Prep School
- **Dulwich Sports Club:** construction of outdoor playing facilities and a small pavilion.

It is noticeable that many planning applications remain undecided after considerable periods of time, and we continue to monitor these. Delays often result from the need for further information. There are also several major residential schemes where planning permission has been granted, but no development has started.

- **Grove Tavern:** This is the thirteenth year that the fly-posted boarded up building sits at the gateway to Dulwich. Regrettably, here is still no indication of viable development plans being put forward to replace this derelict building.

We have attended pre-application discussions or presentations on Alleen's Top Field redevelopment, Dulwich Picture Gallery Children's Gallery Construction Management Plan and Dulwich Sports Club.

Members should continue to pass on details of any relevant schemes in their neighbourhood to planning@dulwichsociety.com

Media and Communications

We use our media outlets to communicate with our members, disseminate information from other organisations and help improve the amenities of Dulwich. Our printed Journal and digital eNews are our main forms of member communication and both have excellent feedback. Every member receives our Journal and a large number of our members subscribe to our eNews.

The printed Dulwich Society Journal is sent quarterly to all members. The articles featured cover environmental issues, local wildlife, trees and the natural environment, local history, local charities and community groups. The recent membership survey showed a high level of satisfaction with the Journal, and the content and layout continue to attract favourable comment. It is particularly pleasing that we have been able to deliver more copies by hand, due to new volunteers stepping forward to adopt routes.

We would like to thank our advertisers for continuing to support production costs, despite the recent increases, particularly in print paper.

Approximately 6-9 months after appearing in print, the contents of the Journal are put online, where they are searchable.

We welcome new ideas from our readers and articles from new contributors and are particularly keen to hear from anyone in East Dulwich who would like to write about local issues.

[Our website](#) is regularly updated and showcases the Society's work and also Dulwich's attractions, shops and restaurants. It serves about 3,300 visitors per month and importantly, our website is cookie free, as befits our commitment to visitor privacy.

Our social media accounts highlight local issues and allow us to engage with the community. The main [Society Bluesky account](#) highlights Dulwich Society and local community activities and relays information from local councils, the Dulwich Estate and central government. Our [Local History Bluesky account](#) brings our local history group's research and events to the wider world. Our [Instagram account](#) supports local events, our local shops and our small businesses. We are active on the East Dulwich Forum where we answer enquiries and publicise our activities.

Local History

Congratulations to group member Brian Green who was awarded the British Association for Local History's Outstanding Individual Contribution award. His citation read: *'For his tireless and innovative work in bringing the history of Dulwich to the wider community, through his many publications and his leadership role in local history projects.'*

The group participated in the Dulwich Festival with Eric Large leading two walks on the local route of the river Effra, Duncan Bowie leading three walks on Dulwich Social Reformers, and Ian McInnes leading four walks on East Dulwich pubs and the concrete houses in Belvoir Road. All nine were sold out almost immediately.

Working in conjunction with Bell House, group members continued the monthly Zoom talks on a variety of local history subjects. The 2024 schedule included talks on *'The changing face of Dulwich over time,' 'A history of taste of paintings through the ages, through the lens of the Dulwich Picture Gallery collection,' 'Lost Mansions in Dulwich Village,' 'Kingswood House,' 'Alley Road.'* They remain popular and have a regular audience – all the proceeds are given to charity. The Society's talks reach a growing number of members, Dulwich residents and we have even had online attendees from Europe and the US.

We continued to liaise with the Council on the Dulwich Volunteer Battalion information sign which is now installed (as of 8 February 2025) next to the war memorial on the corner of Dulwich Common and Lordship Lane, by St Peter's Church. We also helped Kingswood Arts with their research on the history of Kingswood House and the post WW2 Kingswood Estate - and we received a very helpful unsolicited article re the Vestey family's years in Dulwich in the interwar period. Other unsolicited articles included one on singer Anne Shelton, a Court Lane resident, marking the 30th anniversary of her death - it was published in a recent Journal. We were sent a revised version of the article on Thomas Farmer Baily of East Dulwich, with more information and better pictures - it is now on the website. The internet continues to be a

source of local history enquiries, many from overseas – one enquirer actually visited Dulwich and we showed him the house where his great grandparents had lived.

Members of the group met the chair of the Friends of West Norwood Cemetery (FOWNC) to talk about possible collaboration on the biographies of Dulwich residents buried there. As a result, Dr Jane Jordan, one of the trustees, gave an excellent online talk for the Society in January 2025 and will be leading walks for us in the cemetery at the upcoming Dulwich Festival.

The group has been working with the Dulwich College Archives on scanning a large number of Dulwich postcards onto an online data base, Preservica. The aim is to make them publicly accessible.

The audio posts in the Old College and Cox's Walk continue to be well used, being played on average 13 and 19 times per day respectively.

The local history X (Twitter) account (@DulwichHistory) was closed in the autumn and a new one opened on Bluesky – at the end of December it had just over 700 followers.

Environment

In its first year, the Environment Group has focused on building a strong foundation by recruiting expert members, getting to know each other, understanding our roles, and establishing governance structures. Our group meets five times annually to collaborate, share knowledge, and support one another in working on local environmental projects. Each member is engaged in initiatives, supported by the collective expertise of the group.

Throughout the year, the Environment Group has contributed regularly to the Journal, writing over half a dozen articles. Several more pieces are in development.

We have hosted expert guests to provide insights into a variety of environmental issues. Topics covered include: biodiversity; environmental scrutiny in Southwark Council; net-zero action in local schools; the impact of festivals on local parks; noise impact of airport development.

Members have engaged with other groups to offer advice, including working with Planning and Architecture to develop sustainability guidelines for the Dulwich Estate and assess the impact of applications on pedestrian safety; providing feedback to the Dulwich Estate on pedestrian safety in the Hunts Slip Road plans; addressing the environmental impact of festivals in Brockwell Park; joining the Aviation Environment Federation and attending Safe Routes to School meetings.

The Environment Group applied for funding from Southwark's biodiversity fund for a project, and supported another local application, aimed at enhancing biodiversity in the community.

We are currently working on draft guidelines for transforming "grey to green" front gardens, which includes investigating the implications of higher road charges for electric vehicle charging. We are preparing a talk for members on how to retrofit homes to meet higher environmental standards, to help local residents improve the sustainability of their homes. With Southwark Living Streets, we are exploring possible routes through our area to connect the Green Chain Walk with the Green Links Walk, which currently ends in Peckham. If completed, this will provide an outstanding leisure walk linking our area to the north of the borough.

Gardens

The Garden Group supports gardening and related activities in Dulwich, a green oasis bejewelled by its gardens, parks, trees and woodland.

Each Spring, we publish a “Dulwich Gardens Open for Charity” brochure, with details of local gardens that are open to the public during the year. This is compiled by Ann Rutherford, with copies going to all members of the Society as well as being distributed to local garden centres and other outlets. We further publicised the openings, which raise significant sums for national and local charities, through the Society’s monthly Newsletter and social media.

Our Spring garden talk, on “The 12-month garden – Colour All Year Round”, was given by garden writer Geoff Hodge and hosted at Bell House, with the surplus benefiting its volunteer-led garden activities. In June we took a full coach of Society members and friends to Great Comp Garden (home of the curator’s salvia nursery) and to Chartwell, for what was an enjoyable day out. More locally, we organised visits to the Museum of the Home in Hoxton, where we were taken round by its head gardener, to Fulham Palace Gardens and to Grange Lane Allotments. We concluded the year with a fungus walk in Dulwich Park, where our excellent guide, Fabrice Boltho, identified some 40 different species for us, reflecting the origins of the park as farmland or associated with its more recently planted trees.

Wildlife/Trees

The Wildlife Group continued as before to meet bimonthly in the past year and monitor the health of Dulwich wildlife with our established programme of bird counts in Dulwich Park and Sydenham woods together with reports of sightings from members. There has continued to be a quarterly article in the Journal and a bulletin in the society eNews each month. As it has not been possible to find a chair or secretary for a renewed Trees Group, we have decided that for the time being the two groups should amalgamate as the Wildlife and Tree Group. The combined group has now met and plans a range of walks and activities over the coming year and welcomed this year’s tree planting plans.

The unseasonal weather events of 2024 continued to dominate local as well as national wildlife, particularly the heavy rainfall in early summer causing a profound shortage of insect life and poor breeding success. The one item of good news is that our report last year of extinction of Dulwich hedgehogs was proved wrong, with three quite separate independent hedgehog sightings.

Although our variety and populations of wildlife species are much affected by what happens elsewhere, our best chance of continuing to see and experience the wildlife we love is to regard and maintain our gardens as important habitats and places of survival.

Licensing

Southwark Council’s Licensing Department sends the Society notifications of all premises licence applications for restaurants, bars and events in Dulwich Village and adjacent wards. A group of members examines the applications and recommends to the Society’s Trustees whether the Society should make a representation. Details of new premises licence applications are published in the Society’s monthly eNews. In 2024 the number of premises licence applications again remained stable.

An outdoor festival /event needs both a premises licence and an event licence and we attend (either in-person or online) consultation or 'drop in' meetings before Southwark grants an events licence. We would strongly encourage Society members to attend consultations/'drop-in meetings' as it their chance to express their views direct to Southwark or the event promoter, before an event licence for an event in their neighbourhood is granted.

Financial Review

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are due to be received at the Society's Annual General Meeting on 19 May 2025, can be found [here](#).

Overall, the Society showed a surplus of £687 for the year, compared to the previous year's surplus of £3,040.

Income was £32,212 in 2024 against £32,042 in 2023.

Expenditure was £24,647 in 2024 against £26,710 in 2023.

Donations and grants made in 2024 were £6,878 against £2,292 in 2023.

Accumulated Funds and Reserves Policy

The accumulated funds at 31 December 2024 totalled £40,444, mainly represented by bank and deposit accounts. The annual expenditure of the Society depends in part on the cost of projects that are undertaken and grants made or committed in that year, with an underlying surplus in recent years before such expenditure. Given the wish to fund worthwhile projects as they arise and the uncertain nature of the advertising income which partially funds the Society's quarterly journals, it is the Trustees' policy to hold as reserves, 9 months normal expenditure (currently some £16,500) together with a further £10,000 to cover unplanned major projects. In addition, the Trustees are reserving the unspent amount from the legacy received in 2016 for future local history projects, which they consider reflect the interests of the legatee, amounting to some £3,500. These amounts total circa £30,000. Funds at 31 December 2024 were in excess of this, and the Trustees continue to seek out worthwhile projects that meet the Society's aims.

Principal Sources of Funding

The Society's principal sources of funding are subscriptions (£13,662 in 2024), Gift Aid (£2,574 in 2024), Journal advertising (£9,066 in 2024) and Dulwich Gardens Open for Charity advertising (£2,694 in 2024).

Investment Policy and Objectives

The Trustees seek to produce an acceptable financial return on the Society's assets within an acceptable level of risk. The Society's Investment Policy, which is reviewed annually, can be found [here](#).

Structure, Governance and Management

The Dulwich Society is administered by its charity trustees. The trustees collectively are known as the Trustee Committee. The trustees comprise the Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary), and other trustees. Other trustees have roles as Group Chairs and other roles such as Membership Secretary and Journal Editor. The Trustee Committee meets every two months. The Society's subject groups provide technical expertise and volunteers. They advise the Trustee Committee which is the Society's decision-making body. The ability to comment on domestic licence applications to the Managers of the Dulwich Estate Scheme of Management has been devolved to the Planning and Architecture Group. Every subject group has a trustee as a member. All members of the Trustee Committee are Trustees of the Dulwich Society on appointment.

In addition to the Trustees, the Society has an honorary President, who is not a Trustee.

All members of the Trustee Committee were elected at the AGM on 20 May 2024. A new constitution was adopted at this AGM, which provides for retirement of trustees by rotation. In future, the number of Trustees closest to one third will step down each year, including those resigning and the longest serving, who may apply for re-election. The remaining two thirds of Trustees will continue in post. Those applying for election or re-election must be nominated by two members of the Society. Any contested election is determined by ballot at the Annual General Meeting. The Trustees have the power to fill any vacancy occurring in between Annual General Meetings.

All Trustees and members of the sub-groups give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

The Society is governed by its Constitution which can be found [here](#).

Following a 6 month consultation with members on proposed new Rules during 2023, a new constitution based on a Charity Commission template was proposed for adoption at the AGM in May 2024. 34 members petitioned the Trustees to hold a Special General Meeting (SGM) to consider 4 Motions which, if approved, would have meant that the new constitution could not be adopted. At an SGM held immediately prior to the AGM, the 4 Motions were not approved and at the AGM, the new constitution was approved by 71% of the members voting, and has been registered with the Charity Commission.

Policies and Procedures

During 2024, the Trustees reviewed the Investment Policy, Reserves Policy, Internal Controls, the Safeguarding, Conflict of Interest, Grant-making, and Risk Management Policies and the Risk Map. A Policy Review Timetable is in place to assist with managing the policy review framework.

Publication of Minutes of Meetings

Minutes of Members' general meetings, Trustees' meetings and Group meetings (from June 2021 onwards) are available to members once they are approved. Minutes of Members' general meetings (from 2010 onwards), Trustees' meetings (from 2018 onwards) and Group meetings (from June 2021 onwards) are available on the Society's website. Earlier years' minutes of Members' general meetings and Trustees' meetings are available on request to the Secretary.

Policies and Procedures for the Induction and Training of Trustees

New Trustees receive Charity Commission documentation and regular updates to help them understand their obligations as Trustees.

References and Administrative Details

Charity name: The Dulwich Society

Registered Charity Number: 234192

Charity's principal address: The Dulwich Society, c/o 94 Underhill Road, London, SE22 0QU

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity

Trustee name	Role	Dates acted if not for whole year
James Thompson	Chair (Officer)	
Susan Badman	Vice Chair (Officer)	
Heather Stubbs	Secretary (Officer)	
Russell Lloyd	Treasurer (Officer)	
Ian McInnes	Chair Local History Group	
Jeremy Prescott	Chair Gardens Group	
Peter Roseveare	Chair Wildlife Group	
David Beamish	Chair Trees Group	1/1/24-20/05/24
Laurie Johnston	Chair Environment Group	
Penelope Stern	Chair Planning and Architecture Group	
Patsy Bramble	Chair Licensing Group	
Diana McInnes	Membership Secretary	1/1/24-20/05/24
Christine Brandon	Membership Secretary	20/05/24-31/12/24
Claire Richards	Journal Editor	
Richard Wingfield	Development Lead	15/01/24-31/12/24
Sharon O'Connor	Media and Communications Lead	20/05/24-31/12/24

Since the year end, Jane Jones was co-opted as a trustee on 25 March 2025.

Honorary President

Kenneth Wolfe

The Honorary President is not a Trustee

Independent Examiner

Sally-Anne Jeffries
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Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>James Thompson</i>	<i>Heather Stubbs</i>
Full name (s)	James Thompson	Heather Louise Stubbs
Position	Chair	Secretary
Date	16 April 2025	16 April 2025

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- for the year ended -

31 DECEMBER 2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Dulwich Society

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Dulwich Society (the Society) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Society you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the trustee's accounts carried out under s. 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s. 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 the seeking of explanations from you as 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Society as required by s. 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

S A Jeffries
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S.A.Jeffries
Chartered Accountant

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16th April 2025
Date:

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Note	2024		2023	
		Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds	
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Subscriptions		13,662		12,510	
Gift Aid		2,574		2,424	
Interest receivable		2,080		1,590	
Advertising	2	9,066		6,504	
Gardens Open for Charity booklet advertising	3	2,694		2,165	
Gardening group - coach trip		1,802		1,820	
Diamond Jubilee event - receipts		-		1,165	
History talk		-		536	
Southwark Council - plaque reimbursements		-		620	
Southwark Council - bench plinth reimbursement		-		2,300	
Income from talks		334		408	
Total income			32,212		32,042
Expenditure					
Journal printing costs		9,053		9,787	
Journal distribution costs		2,294		2,092	
Postage and related expenses		122		200	
Subscriptions		68		68	
AGM expenditure		378		324	
SGM expenditure		2,636		-	
Society - public and trustee liability insurance		1,142		1,372	
Maintenance of website		1,656		1,602	
Dulwich Gardens Open for Charity booklet	3	2,456		2,662	
Gardening group coach trip		1,529		1,480	
Garden talks		290		378	
DGOFC - commission		700		541	
Edward Alleyn statue insurance		750		(858)	
Zoom subscription		156		144	
Clarke's Green bench plinths - reimbursed by Southwark Council		-		2,300	
Depreciation		897		621	
Diamond Jubilee party costs		-		2,339	
Talk costs		-		100	
Fungi walk		-		150	
WW2 bomb & Burial Ground leaflets - reprints		-		661	
A1 poster - history board		-		100	
St Christopher's Hospice donation re History talk		-		536	
Meet the Trustees - entertaining expenses		367		-	
Other expenses < £100		154		111	
Total expenditure			24,647		26,710
Net income			7,565		5,332
Less:					
Projects and grants	4		6,878		2,292
Net movement in funds			687		3,040
Total funds brought forward			39,757		36,717
Total funds carried forward			40,444		39,757

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024		2023	
		Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5	2,451		3,348	
Investments	6	<u>40,768</u>	43,220	<u>38,789</u>	42,137
Current assets					
Cash at bank - Barclays		830		978	
Barclays - deposit account		3,107		1,750	
Sundry debtors	7	<u>1,050</u>		<u>1,030</u>	
		4,987		3,758	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Sundry creditors	8	<u>7,764</u>		<u>6,138</u>	
		7,764		6,138	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			(2,777)		(2,380)
Total assets less current liabilities			40,444		39,757
Total net assets			<u>40,444</u>		<u>39,757</u>
Unrestricted funds					
Accumulated fund			40,444		39,757
Total Funds			<u>40,444</u>		<u>39,757</u>

Approved on behalf of the trustees

J Thompson
Chairman
James Thompson

R Lloyd
Hon.Treasurer
Russell Lloyd

16th April 2025
Date

The notes on pages 4 to 6 form part of the financial statements.

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Funds structure

The Society's funds are unrestricted.

1.3 Accumulated Funds and Reserves Policy

The accumulated funds at 31st December 2024 totalled £40,444, mainly represented by bank and deposit balances. The annual expenditure of the Society depends in part on the cost of projects that are undertaken and grants made or committed in that year, with an underlying surplus in recent years before such expenditure. Given the wish to fund worthwhile projects as they arise and the uncertain nature of the advertising income which partially funds the Society's quarterly Journals, it is the Trustees' policy to hold, as reserves, 9 months normal expenditure (currently some £16,500) together with a further £10,000 to cover unplanned major projects. In addition, the Trustees are reserving the unspent amount from the legacy received in 2016 for future local history projects, which they consider reflect the interests of the legatee, amounting to some £3,500. These amounts total circa £30,000. Funds at 31st December 2024 were in excess of this and the trustees' continue to seek out worthwhile projects that meet the Society's aims.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity, and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of assets, less estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

- Computer equipment: 3 years straight line basis
- Listening post; 5 years straight line basis.

In addition, the Society has title to a number of fixed assets that have either been donated to the Society or which have been purchased for a nominal sum. As such, the assets have no cost of purchase to the Society so they are not included in fixed assets. Where appropriate, the Society maintains and insures them. These assets are made available for the benefit of the community and include the Edward Alleyn statue and the Village Phone Box, which is a listed building

1.5 Income and expenditure recognition

Subscription income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity.

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

1.6 Value added tax

Value added tax is not recoverable by the Society, and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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for the year ended 31 December 2024

2 Advertising

The Society accepts a limited amount of advertising in its quarterly Journal to help defray the costs of production.

3 Dulwich Gardens Open for Charity booklet advertising

The booklet is distributed in March each year and also accepts a limited amount of advertising to help defray the costs of production.

4 Projects and grants

	2024	2023
	£	£
Murals - Dulwich Sports Ground	-	300
Dulwich Library and Tollgate signage	-	979
Phone box repairs and defibrillator	-	280
Bell House - pottery equipment	-	250
Dulwich Vegetable Garden - new greenhouse	-	483
Swift boxes	503	-
Dulwich Park - Coxwell path	2,500	-
Kingswood House - youth club & recording studio	1,500	-
Dulwich Picture Gallery - Open Art Project	5,000	-
Accrual no longer required	(2,625)	-
	6,878	2,292

In addition to the above, in 2023 an audio post was installed in Cox's Walk which is included in Tangible Assets - Note 5 (cost £2,752).

Grants are made by the Society from time to time towards projects that meet its objective of maintaining and fostering the amenities of Dulwich in the interest of its residents and the wider community of which Dulwich is part.

5 Tangible assets

	Statue Camera £	Listening Posts £	Office Equipment £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At 1.1.2024	3,529	4,483	653	1,750	10,415
Additions in year	-	-	-	-	-
At 31.12.2024	3,529	4,483	653	1,750	10,415
Depreciation					
At 1.1.2024	3,528	1,140	650	1,749	7,067
Charge for year	-	897	-	-	897
At 31.12.2024	3,528	2,037	650	1,749	7,964
Net Book Value					
At 31.12.2024	1	2,446	3	1	2,451
At 31.12.2023	1	3,343	3	1	3,348

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6 Investments	2024	2023
	£	£
COIF Charities deposit account	39,611	37,681
Monmouthshire Building Society	1,157	1,108
Investments	<u>40,768</u>	<u>38,789</u>
7 Debtors	2024	2023
	£	£
Advertising revenue	<u>1,050</u>	<u>1,030</u>
8 Sundry creditors	2024	2023
	£	£
Winter Journal printing	-	2,461
Statue insurance	750	552
Project and grant accruals	6,500	2,625
Items less than £500	514	500
	<u>7,764</u>	<u>6,138</u>

9 Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions during the year that require disclosure.

10 Emoluments and expenses

None of the Society's trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from the charity.

Accounts



The Dulwich Society

Annual Report for the year

1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Registered Charity number 234192

Objectives and Activities

Purposes

The Dulwich Society is an unincorporated association registered as a charity on 1 May 1964. Its constitution was adopted on 12 March 1964 and was last revised on 7 May 2019. A revision is due to be approved at the 2024 AGM.

The Society's objectives are to foster and safeguard the amenities of Dulwich, both in the interests of its residents and the wider local community of which it is a part, and to increase awareness of the varied character that makes the area so special.

The Society represents all parts of Dulwich, North, South, East and West in the London Boroughs of Southwark and Lambeth.

Further details of the Society's aims and objectives are [here](#).

Main Activities

In planning their activities, the Trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The Society has several sub-committees which make recommendations to the Executive Committee to actively seek improvements in the environment, architecture and planning, licensing, trees, gardens, wildlife habitats and nature/species conservation, and understanding of local history.

The Society comments regularly on local authority planning applications and is also a consultee for the [Dulwich Estate](#) on all changes to properties within the Estate's Scheme of Management. We encourage change, and welcome good design appropriate to its setting, but actively defend Dulwich against the pressures of inappropriate development. In 2023, the Society has been working with the Dulwich Estate on its Green Strategy.

The Society has a policy of supporting additional tree planting on streets and in public open spaces and organises regular local history talks and walks. The Society has successfully submitted project ideas for using [Southwark Cleaner Greener Safer \(CGS\)](#) funds to enhance the Dulwich environment and improve local safety, securing Council funding to assist in local restoration projects.

Policy on Grant Making

The Society's resources allow it to make small grants to local projects which meet its objectives, for example improvements to the paths in local woods and parks and funding of trees, benches and information boards. The Society's Policy on Grant-Making is [here](#).

Contribution made by Volunteers

Volunteers play an essential part in the running of the Society. There are over 90 volunteers who sit on various sub-committees and deliver the Journal which is issued 4 times a year.

Main Achievements

The Society's 60th Anniversary



In July 2023, Dulwich Society celebrated its 60th anniversary by holding a well-attended party in Dulwich College in the hall which houses Shackleton's boat, the James Caird. History Boards were created showcasing the history of the Society and the wider world in each of the Society's six decades. These were on display at the anniversary party and were later issued to members as a supplement in the Winter Journal.

Membership

Membership at the end of 2023 was 1,227 households. Our membership for Dulwich represents approximately 20% of all households. We gained 87 new members and lost 59 during the year.

New members continued to join via the website using the direct debit facility. Some existing members also changed their method of payment to direct debit. We continue to try to get our members to pay either by standing order or, preferably now, direct debit. We do however still have 70 members who either pay by cash, cheque, or one-off direct bank payment. With the cost of postage now it would be appreciated if these members could seriously consider changing their payment to direct debit which can easily be done via the [Dulwich Society website](#).

For the financial year 2022-2023 £2,498.72 was claimed from HMRC for gift aid.

Projects and Grants



During 2023, the Dulwich Society undertook a number of projects, and also made grants to further its charitable objectives:

- Bench in Dulwich Village in honour of distinguished local resident and former Committee member, Alistair Hanton, who died in 2021.
- Grant to restore ancient boundary marker in Sunray Gardens.
- Listening Post with historical and wildlife recordings at Cox's Walk entrance to Sydenham Hill Wood.
- Grant to volunteer-run Dulwich Vegetable Garden for a new greenhouse.
- Installation of a historical sign at the Tollgate.
- Grant for restoration of the murals on the Burbage Road railbridge.
- Grant to the South London Botanical Institute in recognition of a wildflower walk organised by the Institute.
- Grant to Bell House's new pottery to purchase equipment.

Links and Partnerships

The Society works closely with local councillors and relevant officers of the London Borough of Southwark and with the Dulwich Estate.

Whilst maintaining a neutral position on Southwark's traffic proposals, the Society is a key stakeholder in the discussions on the development of the public realm of the junction of Calton Avenue and Court Lane/Dulwich Village.

During 2023, the Society was represented on the Advisory Committee of the Dulwich Estate's Scheme of Management by James Thompson (Chair) and Penny Stern (Trustee). Society Officers meet with representatives of the Dulwich Estate regularly on non-Scheme of Management matters.

The Society also has links with a number of other third party organisations, including:

- The Police Safer Neighbourhood Panels (a Society representative attends each of the Ward Panels)
- The Safe Routes to School Group
- Friends Groups of local parks (Dulwich Park; Belair Park).
- London Wildlife Trust
- South London Botanical Institute
- Dulwich Festival Committee
- Local Residents' Associations
- Dulwich College Archive
- Dulwich Picture Gallery
- Kingswood House Arts Centre
- The Grove Tavern DIY Skateboarders
- The London Forum
- Royal Horticultural Society (affiliated society membership)
- Local Schools, e.g. Dulwich College; Alleyn's; JAGS/JAPS; Charter School
- Aquinna, developers of housing in Dulwich Village, (to implement a permanent home for the historic Stocks Stone in the Dulwich Village Burial Ground)

Awards

The Society's Media and Communications Lead, Sharon O'Connor, was a prize winner in a National Archives local history competition with her essay on Khalid Sheldrake.

Media and Communications



We use our media outlets to communicate with our members, to disseminate information from other organisations and to help improve the amenities of Dulwich. Our printed Journal and digital eNews are our main forms of member communication and both have excellent feedback. Every member receives our Journal and a large number of our members subscribe to our eNews.

In March 2023, Brian Green, well-known local historian, retired as Editor of the Journal, having overseen the publication of eighty editions over 20 years. These statistics alone convey the importance of his role as editor for a generation. During his tenure, colour was introduced and the Journal became a “must read” magazine for many families in the area. Brian was also a prolific writer for the Journal, and took many of the current-day photographs and has a large and invaluable collection of images of old Dulwich. For many years, he also managed the advertising which forms the foundation of the financial viability of the publication. Brian continues to be an active member of the Society, giving frequent talks on the local history of the area.

Following the retirement of Brian Green, two new editors were appointed, Claire Richards and Ian McInnes. As a result of their work to update the Journal, both the presentation and the content have been subject to a major overhaul and we hope that it meets - or even exceeds - the expectations of our members. Since the last AGM four editions of the new-style Journal have been published and the feedback received has been overwhelmingly positive. Ian has since decided to step down and Claire will continue as sole editor.

[Our website](#) is regularly updated and this year we added a new section called ‘[Destination Dulwich](#)’, showcasing the best of Dulwich’s attractions, shops and restaurants. Following its upgrade in 2022, our website is more attractive and easier to navigate, meaning visitors come to our site directly rather than using a search engine. It serves about 7,000 visitors per month and over the past year our pages have appeared over one million times in Google search results. Our website is cookie free, demonstrating our commitment to visitor privacy.

Our three Twitter accounts highlight local issues and allow us to engage with the community. The main Society account (@DulwichSociety) has 3,144 followers, up 7% on the year. It highlights Dulwich Society and local community activities and relays information from Southwark Council, the Dulwich Estate and central government. Our local history account (@DulwichHistory) has 3,640 followers, a 13% increase from last year. Our gardens account (@DulwichGarden) has 463 followers, up 11% year on year. On the East Dulwich Forum, we answer enquiries and publicise our activities, while on Instagram we support local events, our local shops and our small businesses.

The Society’s online talks reach a growing number of members, Dulwich residents and we have even had attendees from Europe and the US. All ticket proceeds go to local good causes.

Planning and Architecture

The Planning & Architecture sub-committee has had another busy year reviewing planning applications to Southwark, Lambeth and applications for works to the Dulwich Estate Scheme of Management as well as local and national planning policy. We do this with the aim of protecting the varied character that makes Dulwich so special and safeguarding the amenities of the area for its residents and the wider community.

This year we reviewed 178 applications to the Dulwich Estate Scheme of Management, slightly down on the 200 projects in 2022. There are an increasing number of projects including solar panels and heat pumps, in addition to electric vehicle chargers and bike stores. We have also provided comments to the Scheme of Management for consideration in the ongoing review of their Development Guidelines in the light of evolving building methods, particularly more environmentally responsible practice.

We review many of the planning applications made to Southwark and Lambeth, and seek to comment in a constructive manner. Regrettably, the planning approval for Soane Place has been amended and no longer includes either affordable or accessible housing in the centre of Dulwich Village. Some of the major applications we have commented on include:

- Applications for 5G phone masts
- Children's Gallery at Dulwich Picture Gallery
- Floodlighting at Peckham Town FC and the Charter School
- Vacant land to the rear of Lydenhurst, Village Way
- Herne Hill Velodrome Trust
- Land to the west of Featherstone Mews
- Support for the Dulwich Estate upgrade of external spaces by North Dulwich Parade

Southwark's recently adopted Statement of Community Involvement and Development Consultation Charter is now in operation, and we have attended pre-application presentations on Dulwich Picture Gallery, James Allen's Prep School and The Sidings in East Dulwich. Members should continue to pass on details of any relevant schemes in their neighbourhood to planning@dulwichsociety.com

Local History



The Local History group has had an active and varied year which started on a high when our secretary, Sharon O'Connor, was a prize winner in a National Archives local history competition with her essay on Khalid Sheldrake.

As usual the group participated in the Dulwich Festival with Duncan Bowie leading three walks on Dulwich Social Reformers and Ian McInnes leading two on Dulwich's Georgian houses – all five were sold out almost immediately. Group members also gave talks at the Dulwich Park Friends AGM in April, at the Dovercourt and Woodward Road street parties in June, and at the Dulwich Library and St John's Goose Green coffee morning club in July. We also gave a talk to the Year 5 pupils at Harris Academy in Lordship Lane and continue to collaborate with the Herne Hill Society on their research on the history of local shops.

Working in conjunction with Bell House, group members continued the monthly Zoom talks on a variety of local history subjects ranging from gentrification in East Dulwich, the River Effra, the Grove Tavern, to Dulwich spies and Dulwich Social reformers. They remain popular and have a regular audience – all the proceeds are given to charity.

A Cleaner Greener Safer funded information sign at the Dulwich library was fixed to the front railings in May and a second audio post was installed at the bottom of Cox's Walk in September. The one at the Old College is played six times a day on average while the new post in Cox's Walk has been used 1,616 times in three months, (an average of 18 times a day).

In December the Council published its new 'local list' of buildings that make an important contribution to the local built environment, and it was pleasing to see that a large number of the Local History Group's suggestions were included.

The wide range of enquires we received covered subjects as diverse as where actor Peter Cushing lived as a boy, the history of the Court Lane flower beds, and former local builder CB Core's artistic career. We were also contacted by a former resident who was taken round Dulwich Park by Queen Mary in the 1930s and were sent a well-researched article on the Baily family who owned several large properties in East Dulwich in the early/mid C19 and met up with the author early in January – the article is on our website. The group paid a visit to Dulwich College Archives to see the maps which have yet to be digitised and did the research and provided photos for the decade boards which covered the past 60 years for the Society's 60th anniversary party. They were subsequently made into a leaflet and circulated to all members in the Winter 2023 Journal.

The local history group has written several articles for the British Association for Local History (BALH). Articles which were published in the BALH Journal and website, and include how to organise local history walks, researching with primary sources, how to use social media, running online talks and how to use audio posts to share information. Sharon O'Connor also took part in a BALH conference 'Local History Live' discussing her prize-winning essay and appearing on panels discussing local history.

The local history Twitter account (@DulwichHistory) continues to bring Dulwich's local history to a wider audience. By December it had 3,640 followers and regularly receives around 155,000 'impressions' (an indication of the how effective tweets are) per month, approaching an astonishing two million a year. It also links to articles in the Journal and on the Society's website, helping to drive traffic there.

Environment

The Environment sub-committee was formed by agreement of the Dulwich Society Executive in November 2023, following the request of the Executive Committee that Laurie Johnston explore whether such a sub-committee was feasible and whether relevant experts would volunteer. Laurie presented a draft Terms of Reference to the Executive which was agreed with some minor changes and is available on the Society's website. Suitable experts have been recruited, although there are still some vacancies. The first meeting was held in January 2024.

Gardens



The Gardens sub-committee supports gardening and related activities in Dulwich, a green oasis bejewelled by its gardens, parks, trees and woodland.

Each Spring we publish a *"Dulwich Gardens Open for Charity"* brochure, with details of local gardens that are open to the public during the year. This is compiled by Ann Rutherford, with copies going to all members of the Society as well as being distributed to local garden centres and other outlets. We also publicise the openings, which raise significant sums for national and local charities, through the Society's monthly Newsletter and social media.

We organised two talks in the Spring. The first was a topical online talk by Sue Fisher on "Gardening in a Changing Climate", and the second was a "physical" talk by Martin Duncan, the distinguished Head Gardener at Arundel Castle, on its gardens and their development. The talks were hosted by Bell House, with surpluses benefiting its volunteer-led garden activities.

In July we took a full coach of Society members and friends to the Sussex Prairie Garden and to Wakehurst, Kew's "wild botanic garden" in Kent, for what was an enjoyable day out. More locally, we had an interesting visit to Grange Lane Allotments to see how its holders work their plots and deal with some of the gardening challenges they face.

We arranged two Cleaner, Greener, Safer ("CGS") grants from the London Borough of Southwark, one to relay the plinths of the two double benches at Clarke's Green (near the Village Way traffic lights) and the second to replace some of the more tired planting in the roundabout in Dulwich Village. We also planted over 500 native bulbs and primroses in the old Burial Ground in Dulwich Village, to add to its existing Spring display and to benefit early pollinators.

We were pleased that the Society funded part of a replacement greenhouse for the Dulwich Vegetable Garden, enabling it to continue the propagation that funds its activities.

Wildlife



The Wildlife sub-committee continued to meet every two months. We submit messages or bulletins monthly via the Society's eNews, with reports, records and information published in each issue of the Society Journal. We welcome the work of the London Wildlife Trust in the upgrading and maintenance of the Sydenham Hill Wood and now also Dulwich Wood which will provide a much improved wildlife experience for visitors. Important scientific surveys of the fungi and invertebrates in the woods have been commissioned and undertaken, which indicate that the woods are a significant conservation base for a biodiversity corridor in south London.

We were spared the extreme heat in 2023 of the previous year and our bird counts in Dulwich Park and the woods indicate that most species maintained their populations but some common insects were scarce and this would appear to relate to the ongoing change in our climate. We probably now have to report sadly that Hedgehogs are extinct in Dulwich as no sightings have been recorded for over two years.

Dulwich has historically provided nesting sites for Swifts on our older houses. Swift numbers are declining partly due to loss of breeding opportunities. A leading member of the wildlife group plans to acquire swift bricks that can be installed on houses. If Society members are

undertaking repairs to their brickwork and would wish to take part in Swift conservation by including a swift brick we would welcome a contact.

Wildlife, particularly in this urban setting, will remain under pressure and it is important that we should try and provide habitats in our gardens so that common species that we have previously taken for granted do not get lost.

Trees



The Tree sub-committee met in January, April, July and October 2023, and has continued to promote the planting, maintenance and enjoyment of trees in Dulwich. An article on a tree-related topic was published regularly in the Society's Journal. The Winter 2023 Journal was a special Diamond Jubilee issue, with an article on the role of the Society in supporting tree planting, and the appreciation of, trees in the Dulwich area, over the past 60 years. Another fungi-themed tree walk, led by Daniel Greenwood, was held in Dulwich Park on 5 November 2023.

A tree to commemorate the reign of Queen Elizabeth II was planted in the garden of the Dulwich Picture Gallery. The tree is a disease-resistant elm *Ulmus* 'Wanoux' (sold under the name VADA), and we are grateful to former Tree sub-committee Member Mark Lane CVO, until recently Gardens Manager of the London Royal Palaces, for his guidance on the choice of species. Mark joined us for the unveiling of the accompanying plaque by the Gallery Director, Jennifer Scott, on 2 June.

We continue to be available to advise residents on their tree problems via the email helpline trees@dulwichsociety.com.

Licensing

The Society receives regular notifications from Southwark Council Licensing Department of all premises licence applications for bars, restaurants and events in Dulwich Village and adjacent Wards. A group of members examines each application and recommends to the Society's Executive Committee whether the Society should make a representation to the Licensing Department.

We also attend, either in person or online, Consultation Meetings about outdoor events and Licensing Hearings for applications which are contested. The number of applications in 2023 remained fairly stable, the most time-consuming applications being for outdoor events and festivals such as GALA (Peckham Rye Park) and Pokeman Go (Brockwell Park). Other applications on which representations were made include Megan's in East Dulwich, Elderflower Two, Appletree Children's Café, and Eric's Bakery. The sub-committee also responded to Southwark Council's consultation on types of events appropriate for Calton Avenue (Dulwich Square).

Details of new premises licence applications can be found in the Society's monthly eNews.

Disbanded sub-committee

The Travel and Environment sub-committee met only twice in 2023. An article on the Vision Zero road safety campaign appeared in the Journal. Harry Winter stepped down as a trustee in September 2023. The Executive Committee undertook a review of the activities of the travel and environment group in consultation with its members. Following their review, the Executive Committee disbanded the Travel and Environment sub-committee in November 2023.

Financial Review

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are due to be received and considered at the Society's Annual General Meeting on 20 May 2024, can be found [here](#).

Overall, the Society showed a surplus of £3,040 for the year, compared to the previous year's deficit of £8,689.

Income was £32,042 in 2023 against £24,210 in 2022.

Expenditure was £26,710 in 2023 against £22,523 in 2022.

Donations and grants made in 2023 were £2,292 against £10,376 in 2022.

Accumulated Funds and Reserves Policy

The accumulated funds at 31 December 2023 totalled £39,757, mainly represented by bank and deposit accounts. The annual expenditure of the Society depends in part on the cost of projects that are undertaken and grants made or committed in that year, with an underlying surplus in recent years before such expenditure. Given the wish to fund worthwhile projects as they arise and the uncertain nature of the advertising income which partially funds the Society's quarterly journals, it is the Trustees' current policy to hold as reserves, 9 months

normal expenditure (currently some £16,000) together with a further £10,000 to cover unplanned major projects. These amounts total circa £26,000. Funds at 31 December 2023 were in excess of this, and the Trustees continue to seek out worthwhile projects that meet the Society's aims.

Principal Sources of Funding

The Society's principal sources of funding are subscriptions (£12,510 in 2023), Gift Aid (£2,424 in 2023), Journal advertising (£6,504 in 2023) and Dulwich Gardens Open for Charity advertising (£2,165 in 2023).

Investment Policy and Objectives

The Trustees seek to produce an acceptable financial return on the Society's assets within an acceptable level of risk.

The Society's Investment Policy, which is reviewed annually, can be found [here](#).

Structure, Governance and Management

The Dulwich Society is administered by its charity trustees. The trustees collectively are known as the Executive Committee. The trustees comprise the Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary), and other trustees. Other trustees have roles as sub-committee Chairs and other roles such as Membership Secretary and Journal Co-Editors. The Executive Committee meets every two months. The Society's subject matter sub-committees provide technical expertise and volunteers. They advise the Executive Committee which is the Society's decision making body. The ability to comment on domestic licence applications to the Managers of the Dulwich Estate Scheme of Management has been devolved to the Planning and Architecture sub-committee. Every sub-committee has a trustee as a member. All members of the Executive Committee are Trustees of the Dulwich Society on appointment.

In addition to the Executive Committee, the honorary office of President is elected at the Society's Annual General Meeting. The President is not a Trustee.

All members of the Executive Committee are elected annually at the AGM and must be nominated by two members of the Society. Any contested election is determined by ballot at the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee has the power to fill any vacancy occurring in between Annual General Meetings.

All members of the Executive Committee, Trustees and members of the sub-committees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

The Society is governed by a set of Rules which can be found [here](#).

During 2022/23, the Society began a review of its Rules. At an SGM held in September 2022, recommended changes to update the Rules and enable more processes to be managed online did not achieve the two thirds majority required to enact them. Further work has been undertaken on the Rules review, which was subject to a 6 month consultation with members during 2023 and will be proposed for adoption at the AGM in May 2024.

Policies and Procedures

During 2023, the Society added to its existing policies a Risk Management Policy (including completion of a Risk Register), a Lone Volunteers Policy, a Health and Safety Policy, and an Archiving Policy. The Executive Committee also reviewed the Investment Policy, Reserves Policy, Internal Controls, External Expenditure Guidelines and the Safeguarding Policy. A Policy Review Timetable was agreed to assist with managing the policy review framework.

Policies and Procedures for the Induction and Training of Trustees

New Trustees receive Charity Commission documentation and regular updates to help them understand their obligations as Trustees.

References and Administrative Details

Charity name: The Dulwich Society

Registered Charity Number: 234192

Charity's principal address: The Dulwich Society, c/o 94 Underhill Road, London, SE22 0QU

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
James Thompson	Chair	
Susan Badman	Vice Chair	
Heather Stubbs	Secretary	
Russell Lloyd	Treasurer	
Diana McInnes	Membership Secretary	
Brian Green	Journal Editor	1/1/23-06/03/23
Ian McInnes	Chair Local History sub-committee (Journal Co-editor from 13.03.23)	
Claire Richards	Journal Co-editor	13/03/23-31/12/23
Penelope Stern	Chair Planning and Architecture sub-committee	
Harry Winter	Chair Travel and Environment sub-committee	1/1/23-27/09/23
Laurie Johnston	Chair Environment sub-committee	13/11/23-31/12/23
Peter Roseveare	Chair Wildlife sub-committee	
David Beamish	Chair Trees sub-committee	
Jeremy Prescott	Chair Gardens sub-committee	
Patsy Bramble	Chair Licensing sub-committee	

Honorary President

Kenneth Wolfe

The Honorary President is not a Trustee

Name and Address of Independent Examiner

Sally-Anne Jeffries
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18 Melbourne Grove
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Bankers

Barclays Bank
28 Rye Lane
Peckham
London SE15 5BS

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>James Thompson</i>	<i>Heather Stubbs</i>
Full name (s)	James Thompson	Heather Louise Stubbs
Position	Chair	Secretary
Date	30 April 2024	30 April 2024

THE DULWICH SOCIETY

Registered Charity No. 234192

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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31 DECEMBER 2023

THE DULWICH SOCIETY

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Sally-Anne Jefferies
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24th April 2024
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THE DULWICH SOCIETY

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"Pubs of Dulwich & Herne Hill"	4	-		-	
Total income			32,042		24,210
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Postage and related expenses		200		652	
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Maintenance of website		1,602		1,584	
Dulwich Gardens Open for Charity booklet	3	2,662		2,224	
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RHS membership		-		35	
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Conference		-		144	
Logo redesign		-		1,290	
Clarke's Green bench plinths - reimbursed by Southwark Council		2,300		-	
Depreciation		621		346	
Diamond Jubilee party costs		2,339		-	
Wildflower talk		100		-	
Fungi walk		150		100	
WW2 bomb leaflet reprint		140		-	
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First Aid kit		27		-	
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Total expenditure			26,710		22,523
Net income			5,332		1,687
Less: Projects and grants	5		2,292		10,376
Net movement in funds			3,040		(8,689)
Total funds brought forward			36,717		45,406
Total funds carried forward			39,756		36,717

THE DULWICH SOCIETY

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

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Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6	3,348		1,217	
Investments	7	<u>38,789</u>	42,137	<u>37,200</u>	38,417
Current assets					
Cash at bank - Barclays		977		5,109	
Barclays - deposit account		1,750		-	
Sundry debtors	8	<u>1,030</u>		<u>990</u>	
		3,757		6,099	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Sundry creditors	9	<u>6,138</u>		<u>7,799</u>	
		6,138		7,799	
Net current assets / (liabilities)			(2,381)		(1,700)
Total assets less current liabilities			39,756		36,717
Total net assets			<u>39,756</u>		<u>36,717</u>

Unrestricted funds

Accumulated fund		39,756	36,717
Total Funds		<u>39,756</u>	<u>36,717</u>

Approved on behalf of the trustees

J Thompson
Chairman

R Lloyd
Hon.Treasurer

24th April 2024
Date

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THE DULWICH SOCIETY
Notes to the accounts
as at 31 December 2023

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts

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1.2 Funds structure

The Society's funds are unrestricted.

1.3 Accumulated Funds and Reserves Policy

The accumulated funds at 31st December 2023 totalled £39,756, mainly represented by bank and deposit balances. The annual expenditure of Society depends in part on the cost of projects that are undertaken and grants made or committed in that year, with an underlying surplus in recent years before such expenditure. Given the wish to fund worthwhile projects as they arise and the uncertain nature of the advertising income which partially funds the Society's quarterly journals, it is the Trustees' current policy to hold as reserves, 9 months normal expenditure (currently some £16,000) together with a further £10,000 to cover unplanned major projects. These amounts total circa £26,000. Funds at 31st December 2023 were in excess of this, and the Trustees continue to seek out worthwhile projects that meet the Society's aims.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of assets, less estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

- Computer equipment: 3 years straight line basis
- Listening Posts: 5 years straight line basis

In addition, the Society has title to a number of fixed assets that have either been donated to the Society or which have been purchased for a nominal sum. As such, the assets have no cost of purchase to the Society so they are not included in fixed assets. Where appropriate, the Society maintains and insures them. These assets are made available for the benefit of the community and include the Edward Alleyn statue and the Village Phone Box, which is a listed building.

1.5 Income and expenditure recognition

Subscription income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity.

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

1.6 Value added tax

Value added tax is not recoverable by the Society, and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

THE DULWICH SOCIETY
Notes to the accounts (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2023

2 Advertising

The Society accepts a limited amount of advertising in its quarterly Journal to help defray the costs of production.

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The annual booklet is distributed in March each year and also accepts a limited amount of advertising to help defray the costs of production.

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5 Projects and grants

	2023	2022
	£	£
Defibrillator	-	2,360
London Wildlife Trust paths, matched funding for Sydenham Hill Wood	-	5,000
Donation to Dulwich Village Christmas tree	-	100
Plaque for Frances Peek, Dulwich Park	-	291
Grant - veteran oaks project	-	2,625
Murals - Dulwich Sports Ground	300	-
Dulwich Library and Tollgate signage	979	-
Phone box repairs re defibrillator	280	-
Bell House - pottery equipment	250	-
Dulwich Vegetable Garden - new greenhouse	483	-
	<u>2,292</u>	<u>10,376</u>

In addition to the above, an audio post was installed in Cox's Walk which is included in Tangible Assets - Note 6 (cost £2,752)

Grants are made by the Society from time to time towards projects that meet its objectives of maintaining and fostering the amenities of Dulwich in the interest of its residents and the wider community of which Dulwich is part.

THE DULWICH SOCIETY
Notes to the accounts (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2023

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Cost					
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Additions in year	-	2,752	-	-	2,752
At 31.12.2023	<u>3,529</u>	<u>4,483</u>	<u>653</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>10,415</u>
Depreciation					
At 1.1.2023	3,528	519	650	1,749	6,446
Charge for year	-	621	-	-	621
At 31.12.2023	<u>3,528</u>	<u>1,140</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>1,749</u>	<u>7,067</u>
Net book value					
At 31.12.2023	<u>1</u>	<u>3,343</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3,348</u>
At 31.12.2022	<u>1</u>	<u>1,212</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1,217</u>
7 Investments			2023 £		2022 £
COIF Charities Deposit Account Fund			37,681		36,100
Monmouthshire Building Society			1,108		1,100
Investments			<u>38,789</u>		<u>37,200</u>
8 Debtors			2023 £		2022 £
Advertising revenue			<u>1,030</u>		<u>990</u>
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Winter Journal printing			2,461		2,202
Statue insurance			552		1,411
Project grant accrual			2,625		2,625
Items less than £500			500		1,561
Accruals			<u>6,138</u>		<u>7,799</u>

10 Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions during the year that require disclosure.

11 Emoluments and expenses

None of the Society's trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits other than the reimbursement of expenses from the charity.

THE DULWICH SOCIETY

Registered Charity No. 234192

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- for the year ended -

31 DECEMBER 2023

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THE DULWICH SOCIETY

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THE DULWICH SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 234192

Accounts



The Dulwich Society

Annual Report for the year

1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

Registered Charity number 234192

Objectives and Activities

Purposes

The Dulwich Society is an unincorporated association registered as a charity on 1 May 1964. Its constitution was adopted on 12 March 1964 and was last revised on 7 May 2019. A revision is due to be approved in 2022.

The Society's objectives are to foster and safeguard the amenities of Dulwich, both in the interests of its residents and the wider local community of which it is a part, and to increase awareness of the varied character that makes the area so special.

The Society represents all parts of Dulwich, North, South, East and West in the London Boroughs of Southwark and Lambeth.

Further details of the Society's aims and objectives are at:

<https://www.dulwichsociety.com/society/about-the-dulwich-society>

Main Activities

In planning their activities, the Trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The Society has several sub-committees which actively seek improvements in public transport infrastructure and traffic (for car drivers, cyclists and pedestrians), architecture and planning, licensing, trees, gardens, wildlife habitats and nature/species conservation, and understanding of local history.

The Society comments regularly on Council planning applications and is also a consultee for the Dulwich Estate on all changes to properties within the Estate's Scheme of Management. We encourage change, and welcome good design appropriate to its setting, but actively defend Dulwich against the pressures of inappropriate development.

The Society has a policy of supporting additional tree planting on streets and in public open spaces and organises regular local history talks and walks. The Society has successfully submitted project ideas for using Southwark Cleaner Greener Safer funds to enhance the Dulwich environment and improve local safety, securing Council funding to assist in local restoration projects. In 2021, this included funds to restore the hedging at Dulwich Library.

Policy on Grant Making

The Society's resources allow it to make small grants to local projects which meet its objectives, for example improvements to the paths in local woods and parks and funding of trees, benches and information boards. The Society's Policy on Grant-Making is here:

<https://www.dulwichsociety.com/info/funds-for-local-projects>

Contribution made by Volunteers

Volunteers play an essential part in the running of the Society. There are over 80 volunteers who sit on various sub-committees and deliver the Journal which is issued 4 times a year.

Main Achievements

Membership

Membership of the Dulwich Society at the end of 2021 was 1174 households. 68 new members were gained and 42 lost during the year. Over 90% of members pay by direct debit or standing order and in the financial year 2020-2021, £2,378.26 was claimed in Gift Aid.

Donations

During 2021, the Dulwich Society made grants and donations of between £100 and £2,100 to the following projects:

- Listening post by Edward Alleyn statue in Old College Gardens
- Mais House legal campaign
- London Wildlife Trust bridge over the Ambrook in Sydenham Hill Wood
- Horniman Museum planting along South Circular
- Repair/replacement of finger post sign at corner of Eynella Road and Court Lane
- Wheels for Wellbeing
- St Barnabas Community Carol Service

Links and Partnerships

The Society works closely with local councillors and relevant officers of the London Borough of Southwark and with the Dulwich Estate.

During 2021, the Society was represented on the Advisory Committee of the Dulwich Estate's Scheme of Management by Sue Badman and Jeremy Prescott. In addition, James Thompson (chair of the Society since September 2021) represented the Stradella and Springfield Residents' Association on the Advisory Committee. Sue Badman's tenure on the Advisory Committee ended on 31 December 2021 and since 1 January 2022, James Thompson and Jeremy Prescott have represented the Society on the Advisory Committee. Society Officers meet with representatives of the Dulwich Estate bi-monthly on non Scheme of Management matters.

The Society also has links with a number of other third party organisations, including:

- The Police Safer Neighbourhoods Panel
- The Safe Routes to School Group
- Friends Groups of local parks
- London Wildlife Trust
- Dulwich Festival Committee
- Local Residents Associations
- Dulwich College Archive
- Dulwich Picture Gallery
- The London Forum
- Royal Horticultural Society (affiliated society membership).

Media and Communications

The Society uses its media and communications outlets to communicate with members, to disseminate information from other organisations but above all to improve the amenities of Dulwich.

The website has been recently upgraded with major improvements and the quarterly Journal and monthly eNewsletter have excellent feedback and engagement.

The Twitter accounts are growing and receive good engagement, being a source of enquiries and also reports of issues in the community, e.g. fly-tipping around an electrical recycling bin in Dulwich Village. This allows the Dulwich Society to help improve the situation. The main Society account (@DulwichSociety) has 2,705 followers. It highlights Dulwich Society and local community activities and also relays information from Southwark Council, the Dulwich Estate and central Government. Our local history account (@DulwichHistory) has 2,676 followers and tweets daily on items of local historical interest, usually with images. Our gardens account (@DulwichGarden) provides information on local gardens and environmental matters and has 348 followers.

On Instagram, the Society supports local events, shops and small businesses.

Local History

The Society installed a listening post adjacent to the Edward Alleyn statue in the Old College Garden in October 2021. This has proved to be a great success with over 70 members attending the official opening. Another success was the relocation under cover of the historic Dulwich Postal Cart which has now been moved to the Alleyn Park sorting office and can be seen in the waiting area.

Members of the Local History group have traced the historic Dulwich Manor and Camberwell parish boundary markers, and the results of their research, together with a map of the locations, was published in the Journal. Articles based on research on local streets and personalities have continued to be published regularly.

The Local History group continues to receive regular enquiries covering a wide range of local history subjects, from the former Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher's, house to the history of the Dulwich Court Hotel on College Road and how Zenoria Street obtained its name.

Working in conjunction with Bell House, the group monthly Zoom talks on a variety of local history subjects remain popular. They have a good-sized audience and are reaching further afield with attendees from Europe and the US. Subjects have included the areas around Court Lane and Woodwarde Road, Dulwich Radicals, the Springfield Estate, Dulwich's European residents and the Friern Manor Estate. Over the year the talks raised over £5,000 for local charities.

The group was involved with the temporary relocation of the historic stocks sign from a building site to the Burial ground and is moving forward with translation of the medieval court rolls – an article on them appeared in the Journal.

The local history Twitter account (@DulwichHistory) continues to bring Dulwich's local history to a wider audience and regularly receives around 155,000 impressions per month.

Gardens

Dulwich and its neighbourhood are a green oasis bejewelled by its gardens, and the Gardens Sub-Committee has supported gardening, “green” and related activities in the area.

Each Spring, the Society publishes a comprehensive brochure “*Dulwich Gardens open for charity*”, with details of 30 to 40 local gardens that are open to the public during the year. This is sent to all members of the Society. In 2021, this was in a cut-down version to mitigate the financial cost as visits and advertising were reduced because of the pandemic.

Garden openings are publicised through the brochure, the Society’s monthly eNewsletter (with a special edition in 2021) and selective Tweets.

Because of Covid, the annual Spring talk in 2021 by Nick Bailey, was moved to a Zoom version in association with Bell House. There were over 100 guests and a surplus on the talk went to fund Bell House’s wildlife pond. A coach trip is planned for 2022.

The Gardens Sub-Committee liaises with the Dulwich Estate, the London Wildlife Trust (which looks after Sydenham Hill Wood) and the Trees and Wildlife Sub-Committees on green matters. In 2021 LWT completed a small bridge over the Ambrook in Sydenham Hill Wood funded by the Society and has supported LWT in planning and fund-raising for a major programme of footpath improvement in 2022.

Traffic and Environment

During 2021, there was a major consultation in the London Borough of Southwark about the introduction of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods, (LTNs) affecting the Dulwich area. This proved a controversial issue and the Dulwich Society provided a forum for frank discussion. Whilst remaining neutral on the introduction of LTNs, the Society has encouraged its members to ensure their views were taken into account through the London Borough of Southwark consultation exercise. The Traffic and Environment Sub-Committee has also been paying attention to public transport and disability access issues.

Planning and Architecture

The Dulwich Estate Scheme of Management operates a system of carefully considered and well-informed secondary planning controls which have enabled Dulwich to maintain its distinctive village character over time, whilst continuing to identify as a leafy green oasis located close to the urban centre of London. The Scheme of Management Development Guidelines cover all items affecting the external appearance of a property (and its grounds) and the amenity of neighbours. The Dulwich Society review applications to the Scheme of Management, which have increased markedly to 231 in 2021, from 160 in 2020. Recent projects have included a high number of garden rooms, extensions, loft conversions, heat pumps and photovoltaic panels. The Planning and Architecture Sub-Committee reviews these applications remotely, before members of the group meet monthly to discuss and formulate comments, with informal site visits where necessary. Membership of the group comprises both those with a professional background in architecture and/or planning and those with local knowledge. Comments on the individual aspects of an application are noted as ‘No objection’ or ‘Objection’, in which case a reason is given. These comments are advisory to the Scheme of Management. Objections are referred to the Estate’s consultant. Where possible, issues are resolved by the Estate in discussions with the applicant and

others. In the event of failure to reach an agreed solution, the matter is referred to the Management Committee of the Scheme of Management for a decision.

Some of the major developments the group has commented on across Dulwich include:

- Soane Place, a housing development in Dulwich Village
- Grove Tavern, a large vacant site on the corner of Lordship Lane and Dulwich Common
- Applications for 5G phone masts
- Dulwich Hamlet Football Club ground redevelopment
- Herne Hill Velodrome Trust
- Mais House, Sydenham Hill
- Streatham and Marlborough Cricket Club

The Southwark Plan was adopted on 23 February 2022, setting the overarching strategy for managing growth and development across the borough for the next 15 years. Southwark's revised Heritage Supplementary Planning Document was adopted in October 2021.

Wildlife

The Wildlife Sub-Committee contains a range of experts on local wildlife and keeps members of the Society informed through the Journal, website and eNewsletter about reported sightings and educational and recreational activities such as those provided by the London Wildlife trust. The Wildlife Sub-Committee liaises with local and national wildlife organisations and recommends projects worthy of funding. It also comments on planning applications in terms of their impact on local wildlife. The Wildlife Sub-Committee monitors local wildlife. In 2021, there were reports of a decline in Blackbirds and Thrushes, with populations of Goldfinches and garden fed birds holding up.

Jackdaws are thriving as are Parakeets and Woodpigeons. Raptors such as Sparrow Hawks Buzzards and Peregrine Falcons are increasingly reported. However there were no reported sightings of hedgehogs in the past year.

The bio-health of the park lake is now good with breeding water birds including Little Grebes and good hatches of several species of Dragon and Damsel Flies. However along with the national reports butterflies had a poor year. The London Wildlife Trust continues to work hard with a team of volunteers to improve the quality of the woods for wildlife with path improvements, removal of non native species and protection of ground for recovery of native plant and fungus species.

Trees

The Trees Sub-Committee continues to promote the planting, maintenance and enjoyment of trees in Dulwich. Articles on tree-related topics are published regularly in the Society's Journal.

As in 2020, it was not possible to hold a tree walk, but it is hoped to hold another one in 2022. At the invitation of Dulwich Park Friends, the Committee Chair produced (as part of the 2021 Dulwich Festival) a tree podcast, introducing many of the trees between the Old College Gate and the Park Café: <https://dulwichparkfriends.org.uk/2021/05/26/dulwich-park-podcasts-as-part-of-the-dulwich-festival-2021/>.

Southwark Council's "Cleaner Greener Safer" funding for 2020–21 supported the planting of hedging in the Dulwich Library garden, which was planted in January 2021. The Chair is in discussion with Southwark Council regarding further planting in the Library garden.

Two meetings were held with staff of the Dulwich Estate to discuss options for tree planting in the Estate's amenity areas.

The Trees Sub-Committee continued to follow the campaign to save two oak trees near the Cox's Walk footbridge (from which Camille Pissarro painted his well-known view of the former Lordship Lane railway station), threatened with removal because of concerns about the safety of the footbridge. The trees are still standing, having been made subject to a Tree Preservation Order. In early 2021, Southwark Council announced that they were commissioning consultants to "identify any means of reopening an accessible walkway over the gully, which will enable the two oak trees adjacent to the footbridge to stay in place".

The Tree Committee continues to be available to advise residents on their tree problems via the email helpline trees@dulwichsociety.com

Licensing

The Society receives regular notification from Southwark Council Licensing Department of all premises licence applications for bars, restaurants and events in Dulwich Village and adjacent Wards. A small group of members examines each application and recommends to the Society's Executive Committee as to whether the Society should make a representation to the Licensing Department. Inevitably, because of the pandemic, there were relatively few new premises licence applications during 2021. The Society made representations in relation to local restaurants, shops, fun fairs and festivals to ensure the interests of local residents are taken into account.

Details of new premises licence applications are issued in the Society's monthly eNewsletter

Other achievements against objectives

- Purchase of the telephone box in Dulwich Village with the intention to house a defibrillator
- Levelling the pavement outside shops in the Village
- Trimming overgrown vegetation in Dulwich Wood Park
- Clearing hoardings of graffiti
- Working with others to achieve improvements to the Gilkes development prior to the commencement of work there
- New, replaced and repaired benches
- Repaired posts and chains
- Wheelchair access through the gate at Lovers' Walk

Financial Review

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are due to be approved at the Society's Annual General Meeting on 9 May 2022, follow this report.

Overall, the Society showed a surplus of £1,798 for the year, compared to the previous year's figure of -£978.

Income was £25,859 in 2021 against £16,468 in 2020.

Expenditure was £19,711 in 2021 against £16,256 in 2020.

Donations and grants made in 2021 were £4,350 against £1,500 in 2020.

Accumulated Funds and Reserves Policy

The accumulated funds at 31 December 2021 totalled £44,406, mainly represented by bank and deposit balances. The annual expenditure of the Society depends in part on the cost of projects that are undertaken and grants made or committed in that year, with an underlying surplus in recent years before such expenditure. Given the wish to fund worthwhile projects as they arise and the uncertain nature of the advertising income which partially funds the Society's quarterly journals, it is the Trustees' policy to hold, as reserves, 12 months normal expenditure (currently some £20,000) together with a further £10,000 to cover unplanned major projects. In addition, the Trustees are reserving the unspent amount from the legacy received in 2016 for future local history projects, which they consider reflect the interests of the legatee, amounting to circa £5,000. These amounts total some £35,000. Reserves at 31 December 2021 were therefore in excess of this, and the Trustees continue to seek out worthwhile projects that meet the Society's aims.

Principal Sources of Funding

The Society's principal sources of funding are subscriptions (£11,837 in 2021), Gift Aid (£2,378 in 2021), advertising (£9,933 in 2021) and gardens open for charity advertising (£1,200 in 2021).

Investment Policy and Objectives

The Trustees seek to produce an acceptable financial return on the Society's assets within an acceptable level of risk.

The Society's Investment Policy can be found at:

<https://www.dulwichsociety.com/pdf/investment-policy.pdf>

Structure, Governance and Management

The Dulwich Society is administered by an Executive Committee, comprising the Officers, (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary), Sub-Committee Chairs and other roles such as Media and Communications Lead, Membership Secretary and Journal Editor, which meets every two months. Matters of detail are delegated to sub-committees - Planning and Architecture, Travel and Environment, Local History, Trees, Gardens, Wildlife and Licensing, which report to and whose chairs are members of the Executive Committee. All members of the Executive Committee are Trustees of the Dulwich Society on appointment.

In addition to the Executive Committee, the honorary office of President is elected at the Society's Annual General Meeting. The President is not a Trustee.

All members of the Executive Committee are elected annually and must be nominated by two members of the Society. Any contested election is determined by ballot at the Annual General Meeting. The Executive Committee has the power to fill any vacancy occurring in between Annual General Meetings.

All members of the Executive Committee, Trustees and members of the sub-committees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

The Society is governed by a set of Rules which can be found here:

<https://www.dulwichsociety.com/pdf/dulwich-society-rules.pdf>

Policies and Procedures for the Induction and Training of Trustees

New Trustees receive Charity Commission documentation and regular updates to help them understand their obligations as Trustees.

References and Administrative Details

Charity name: The Dulwich Society

Registered Charity Number: 234192

Charity's principal address: The Dulwich Society, c/o 94 Underhill Road, London, SE22 0QU

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Ian McInnes	Chair Chair Local History Sub-Committee	1.1.21-14.9.21 14.9.21-31.12.21
James Thompson	Chair	14.9.21-31.12.21
Kenneth Wolfe	Vice Chair	1.1.21-14.9.21
Susan Badman	Secretary Vice Chair	1.1.21-14.9.21 14.9.21-31.12.21
Heather Stubbs	Secretary	14.9.21-31.12.21
Russell Lloyd	Treasurer	
Diana McInnes	Membership Secretary	
Brian Green	Journal Editor	
Sharon O'Connor	Media and Communications	14.9.21-31.12.21
Bernard Nurse	Chair Local History Sub-Committee	1.1.21-14.9.21
David Roberts	Chair Planning and Architecture Sub-Committee	1.1.21-14.9.21
Penelope Stern	Chair Planning and Architecture Sub-Committee	14.9.21-31.12.21
Adrian Hill	Executive Committee Member	1.1.21-14.9.21
Harry Winter	Chair Travel and Environment Sub-Committee	
Angela Wilkes	Chair Wildlife Sub-Committee	1.1.21-14.9.21
Peter Roseveare	(Co-opted) Chair Wildlife Sub-Committee	18.10.21-31.12.21
David Beamish	Chair Trees Sub-Committee	
Jeremy Prescott	Chair Gardens Sub-Committee	
Patsy Bramble	Chair Licensing Sub-Committee	

Honorary President

Colin Niven 1.1.21.-14.9.21.

Kenneth Wolfe 14.9.21.-31.12.21.

The Honorary President is not a Trustee

Name and Address of Independent Examiner

Sally-Anne Jeffries
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18 Melbourne Grove
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Barclays Bank
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Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	J C Thompson	Heather Stubbs
Full name (s)	James Thompson	Heather Louise Stubbs
Position	Chair	Secretary
Date	26 April 2022	26 April 2022

THE DULWICH SOCIETY

Registered Charity No. 234192

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- for the year ended -

31 DECEMBER 2021

THE DULWICH SOCIETY

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Dulwich Society

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Dulwich Society (the Society) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Society you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the trustee's accounts carried out under s. 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s. 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 the seeking of explanations from you as 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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Society as required by s. 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

Sally-Anne Jeffries

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S.A.Jeffries
Chartered Accountant
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18 Melbourne Grove
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21st April 2022

Date:

THE DULWICH SOCIETY

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	2021		2020	
		Unrestricted funds		Unrestricted funds	
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Subscriptions		11,837		11,373	
Gift aid		2,378		2,374	
Interest receivable		6		107	
Advertising	2	9,933		2,614	
Gardens Open for Charity advertising	3	1,200		-	
Nick Bailey - talk, receipt from Bell House		480		-	
"Pubs of Dulwich & Herne Hill"	4	-		-	
Miscellaneous donation		25		-	
Total income			25,859		16,468
Expenditure					
Journal printing costs		7,896		7,896	
Journal distribution costs		1,703		1,418	
Postage and related expenses		900		289	
Hire of hall and meetings expenses		-		60	
Subscriptions		68		68	
AGM Costs		291		-	
Society - public and trustee liability insurance		711		882	
Maintenance of website		1,260		1,152	
Dulwich Gardens Open for Charity booklet	3	1,227		2,527	
Nick Bailey talk, Bell House		480		-	
Edward Alleyn statue insurance		500		523	
Finger posts refurbishment		1,310		1,100	
Information signs - Mary Boast fund		-		13	
RHS membership		35		35	
Zoom subscription		844		224	
Flowers for Pam Monblat		-		69	
Logo redesign		50		-	
Listening post installation costs - Edward Alleyn Statue		568		-	
Headset - reimbursement		35		-	
Depreciation		173		-	
Post cart refurb expenses		151		-	
Maintenance & polishing of the Edward Alleyn Statue		1,459		-	
History books - Dulwich Park Friends		50		-	
Total expenditure			19,711		16,256
Net income			6,148		212
Less:					
Provisions: Street Art		0		(310)	
			0		(310)
Donations and grants	5		4,350		1,500
Net movement in funds			1,798		(978)
Total funds brought forward			43,608		44,586
Total funds carried forward			45,406		43,608

THE DULWICH SOCIETY

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021 Unrestricted funds £		2020 Unrestricted funds £	
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6	1,563		5	
Investments	7	<u>40,728</u>	42,291	<u>40,722</u>	40,727
Current assets					
Cash at bank - Barclays		6,070		4,788	
Sundry debtors	8	<u>3,828</u>		-	
		9,898		<u>4,788</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year					
Sundry creditors	9	<u>6,783</u>		<u>1,907</u>	
		6,783		1,907	
Net current assets			<u>3,115</u>		<u>2,881</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			45,406		43,608
Provisions for liabilities	10		-		-
Total net assets			<u><u>45,406</u></u>		<u><u>43,608</u></u>
Unrestricted funds					
Accumulated fund			45,406		43,608
Total Funds			<u><u>45,406</u></u>		<u><u>43,608</u></u>

Approved on behalf of the trustees

J Thompson
Chairman

R Lloyd
Hon.Treasurer

21st April 2022
Date

The notes on pages 4 to 6 form part of the financial statements.

THE DULWICH SOCIETY
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2021

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Funds structure

The Society's funds are unrestricted.

1.3 Accumulated Funds and Reserves Policy

The accumulated funds at 31st December 2021 totalled £45,406, mainly represented by bank and deposit balances. The annual expenditure of the Society depends in part on the cost of projects that are undertaken and grants made or committed in that year, with an underlying surplus in recent years before such expenditure. Given the wish to fund worthwhile projects as they arise and the uncertain nature of the advertising income which partially funds the Society's quarterly journals, it is the Trustees' policy to hold, as reserves, 12 months normal expenditure (currently some £20,000) together with a further £10,000 to cover unplanned major projects. In addition, the Trustees are reserving the unspent amount from the legacy received in 2016 for future local history projects, which they consider reflect the interests of the benefactor, amounting to circa £5,000. These amounts total some £35,000. Reserves at 31st December 2021 were therefore in excess of this, and the trustees' continue to seek out worthwhile projects that meet the Society's aims and objectives.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of assets, less estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

- Computer equipment: 3 years straight line basis
- Listening Post: 5 years straight line basis

1.5 Income and expenditure recognition

Subscription income and donations are accounted for as received by the charity.

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

1.6 Value added tax

Value added tax is not recoverable by the Society, and as such is included in the relevant costs in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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Notes to the accounts (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2021

2 Advertising

The Society accepts a limited amount of advertising in its quarterly newsletter to help defray the costs of production.

3 Dulwich Gardens Open for Charity advertising

The annual booklet is distributed in March each year and also accepts a limited amount of advertising to help defray the costs of production. In 2020, it was agreed to waive advertising income given the limited distribution of the brochure as a result of the Covid lockdown from March 2020.

4 Booklets & other publications

"The Home Front"

In 1995 the Society agreed to underwrite the costs of producing a booklet on the experiences of Dulwich during the war years. To date, the publication has resulted in a net profit to the Society of £2,440.

"Who Was Who in Dulwich"

In 2002 the Society agreed to underwrite the cost of the production. The net cost to the Society to date is £628.

"Pubs of Dulwich & Herne Hill"

In 2016 the Society agreed to share the costs of this publication with The Herne Hill Society. The net cost to the Society to date is £140.

5 Donations and grants

	2021	2020
	£	£
Sports Mural in Burbage Road	-	500
Local foodbank donations	-	1,000
Donation to Mais House	100	-
Homiman Museum - Micro Forest	500	-
Wheels for Wellbeing	150	-
St Barnabas Manchester carol service	500	-
Relocation of the path and gate re wildlife area in Dulwich Park	2,500	-
Varnishing to mural	100	-
Sunray Gardens & Tollgate Information Boards	500	-
	<u>4,350</u>	<u>1,500</u>

Grants are made by the Society from time to time towards projects that meet its objectives of maintaining and fostering the amenities of Dulwich in the interest of its residents and the wider community, of which Dulwich is part.

THE DULWICH SOCIETY
Notes to the accounts (continued)
for the year ended 31 December 2021

6 Tangible assets	Statue Camera	Listening Post	Office Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost					
At 1.1.2021	3,529	-	653	1,750	5,932
Additions in year	-	1,731	-	-	1,731
At 31.12.2021	<u>3,529</u>	<u>1,731</u>	<u>653</u>	<u>1,750</u>	<u>7,663</u>
Depreciation					
At 1.1.2021	3,528	-	650	1,749	5,927
Charge for year	-	173	-	-	173
At 31.12.2021	<u>3,528</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>1,749</u>	<u>6,100</u>
Net Book Value					
At 31.12.2021	<u>1</u>	<u>1,558</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1,563</u>
At 31.12.2020	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>

7 Investments	2021 £	2020 £
COIF Charities deposit account	<u>40,728</u>	<u>40,722</u>
8 Debtors	2021 £	2020 £
Advertising revenue	<u>3,828</u>	<u>-</u>
9 Sundry creditors	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals	<u>6,783</u>	<u>1,907</u>
10 Provisions for liabilities	2021 £	2020 £
Provsions for liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

11 Related party transactions

There have been no related party transactions during the year that require disclosure.

12 Emoluments and expenses

None of the Society's trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits other than the reimbursement of expenses from the charity.