

THE HEATH AND HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 261782

Details

Other names	THE HEATH AND OLD HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1970-11-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO PRESERVE THOSE PARTS OF HAMPSTEAD HEATH WHICH ARE SUBJECTED TO SECTION 16 OF THE HAMPSTEAD HEATH ACT 1871* IN THEIR WILD AND NATURAL STATE, AND SO TO PRESERVE THE NATURAL AND CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES OF THE OTHER PARTS OF THE HEATH, SO FAR AS IS CONSISTENT WITH THEIR ENJOYMENT BY THE PUBLIC.(B) TO PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN THE AMENITIES AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ENVIRONS OF THE HEATH, AND THE BUILDINGS AND STREETS OF HAMPSTEAD: AND(C) TO PROMOTE PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE STUDY OF NATURAL HISTORY, CONSERVATION AND THE HISTORY OF THE AREAS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPHS (A) AND (B) OF THIS RULE 3.*SECTION 16 PROVIDES: THE [METROPOLITAN] BOARD [OF THE WORKS] SHALL TO THAT END PROTECT THE TURF, GORSE, HEATHER, TIMBER AND OTHER TREES, SHRUBS AND BRUSH-WOOD THEREON.

Activities: To preserve parts of Hampstead Heath governed by the Hampstead Heath Act 1871 in their wild and natural state. To preserve the natural and characteristic features of the other parts of the Heath. To promote public interest in the study of natural history. To maintain the amenities and characteristics of the environs of the Heath and the buildings and streets of Hampstead.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ENVIRONS OF THE HEATH, HAMPSTEAD
- Barnet
- Camden
- Haringey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£46,654	£33,940	-	-
2023-12-31	£40,555	£37,393	-	-
2022-12-31	£41,406	£42,774	-	-
2021-12-31	£49,788	£39,221	-	-
2020-12-31	£62,637	£58,489	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MARC HUTCHINSON	Chair	
Amory Fathi		2024-11-20
DR VICKI HARDING		2015-06-30
FRANK HARDING		
Gordon Curtis		2024-10-31
JESSICA LEARMOND-CRIQUI		2013-10-31
JOHN BEYER		2014-07-21
JOHN WESTON		
LATOYA AUSTIN		2020-01-21
LORD JONATHAN HUGH MANCE		2021-07-26
MADHAVAN RAMAN		2021-07-21
MAUREEN CLARK-DARBY		
PROFESSOR JEFF WAAGE		2020-01-21
Peter Kohl		2025-05-21

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Accounts



The Heath & Hampstead Society

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2024**

**FISHER PHILLIPS LLP
Chartered Accountants**

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees (during the year ended 31 December 2024 and thereafter, until the date of approval of these financial statements)

Lord Mance
M Hutchinson
M Clark-Darby
E Ellis (Retired 20 November 2024)
A Fathi (Appointed 20 November 2024)
J Beyer
A Haslam-Jones
G Curtis (Appointed 31 October 2024)
A Smaga (Appointed 31 October 2024)
L Austin
D Castle
E Cousins (Appointed 18 September 2024; retired 26 January 2025)
F Harding
V Harding
J Learmond-Criqui
R Linger
T Radice
M Raman
Prof J Wagge
J Weston

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THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 9-11 and comply with applicable law.

Constitution and governance

The Society is an unincorporated association constituted under its governing document, the Society's constitution, adopted on 19 June 2012. The Society's sub-committees are regulated by a series of bye-laws. All significant decisions affecting the Society are taken by the General Committee, which meets every two months.

Trustees (the members of the Society's General Committee) are mostly elected. Some are elected for three-year terms at the annual general meeting. The officers (President, Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) are elected annually at the annual general meeting. The three Vice-Chairs (the chairs of the Society's three permanent sub-committees) and the Society's representative on the statutory City of London Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee are appointed by the trustees. The trustees occasionally appoint other persons as trustees to fill temporary vacancies on the General Committee. The maximum permitted number of trustees is 20. New trustees are given the current Charity Commission guidance on trusteeship and have a discussion about their duties with the Society's Chair (a solicitor). Most of the trustees are or have been trustees of other charities.

The trustees named under Legal and Administrative Information have served as detailed.

The Society does not employ staff and none of its trustees or sub-committee members is remunerated. All the charitable work of the Society is performed by volunteers.

Charitable objects

The objects of the Society are;

1. To preserve those parts of Hampstead Heath which are subject to s.16 of the Hampstead Heath Act 1871 in their wild and natural state, and also to preserve the natural and characteristic features of the other parts of the Heath, so far as is consistent with their enjoyment by the public;
2. To promote and maintain the amenities and characteristics of the environs of the Heath, and of the buildings and streets of Hampstead;
3. To promote public interest in the study of natural history, conservation and the history of the areas referred to in 1 and 2 above.

Main activities

The main activities of the Society in relation to its objects (by reference to the numbered objects) have been as follows:

1. The Society makes regular representations to the City of London Corporation in several forums concerning the conservation and management of the Heath: the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee and the Hampstead Heath Sports and Wellbeing Forum. The Society's Heath Sub-Committee undertook inspection walks of different parts of the Heath, accompanied by Heath staff, to monitor the conservation of the Heath. The Society is also represented on the Hampstead Heath Management Committee, the statutory body which manages the Heath on behalf of the City.
2. The Society continued to participate in the preparation of various draft policies to be promulgated under the City of London Corporation (Open Spaces) Act 2018, a private Act for the better regulation of the City's open spaces, including Hampstead Heath. Participation included meetings with the City and stakeholders for discussion on policy and actual drafting. The Society continued to work with the City to formulate a strategy for controlling insecticides in the Hampstead Heath Ponds caused by dog flea-powder. The Chair and members of the Heath Sub-Committee met regularly with the Superintendent of the Heath and his staff to monitor and discuss all operational issues affecting the Heath.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

Main activities (continued)

3. The Society has continued to support Camden Council in relation to ongoing challenges of the lawful use of the South Fairground Site (MOL) at the Vale of Health.

4. The Society reviews and comments to Camden Council on significant planning applications in Hampstead and on the fringes of the Heath. The Society opposes inappropriate development and contributes financially to, and in an advisory or expert role at, planning appeals, especially those involving a seriously harmful development or one which involves the setting of a harmful precedent. The Society is in constant contact with Camden Council in relation to planning, development, conservation and traffic issues. The Society also assists residents and others in opposing inappropriate licensing applications, typically for extended alcohol licences. The Society campaigns in support of local independent shops, and runs the Hampstead Card scheme for that purpose.

5. The Society was a leading and successful objector in 2022 to Camden Council (as the local planning authority) in relation to the redevelopment of a large builder's yard known as Murphy's Yard at Gospel Oak on the south-eastern tip of the Heath, an oversized residential and commercial development with no green space of its own, including high rise towers which would have blocked important and historic views from and to the Heath and cast shadow over parts of the Heath in winter time, the application for which was withdrawn by the developer. The Society continues to provide advice and suggestion (some of it expert) to the developer and Camden Council on the type of development for the site which would be acceptable.

6. The famous southward views from Hampstead Heath are facing destruction in the form of multiple real estate developments involving the erection, to unprecedented heights, of high-rise towers, principally for residential accommodation. Local regulation requires the protection of these views, and the Society is seeking to hold the relevant planning authorities to that regulation by organising, and participating in groups raising, objections to the proposals, all in conjunction with other local amenity, civic and conservation groups. The whole question of the protection of these views is covered extensively in the Society's newsletter of January 2025.

7. The Society organised monthly public educational walks on the Heath and published three newsletters. The Society continued the scheme for the erection of commemorative plaques on Hampstead buildings.

8. On 23 May, Tudor Allen, Manager of Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre, gave the 2nd Hunter Davies Lecture to Society members and the public, entitled "Hampstead Historical Treasures - in the collection of Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre". The lecture was also streamed live to Society members and the public.

9. On 12 June, David S Percy, film-maker and historian, gave an illustrated talk at the Society's Annual General Meeting about his latest publication entitled "Remarkable Homes in NW3".

10. On 19 September, the Society hosted the annual Springett Lecture given by Conor Jameson at Rosslyn Hill Chapel. The lecture is funded by a legacy from the late Kate Springett, founder of the Marylebone Birdwatching Society. The lecture was entitled "Saving London's Birds, and Other Adventures: Finding W.H. Hudson" (a conservation pioneer). The lecture was also streamed live to Society members and the public.

11. Originally held to mark publicly the sesquicentenary of the Hampstead Heath Act of 1871, the Act of Parliament that saved the Heath for the nation in perpetuity, the Society hosted a repetition of two special events in the summer of 2024: a free kite-flying display (with the Kite Society of Great Britain) on Parliament Hill (sometimes known as Kite Hill) and a live, free public concert on the Heath, called the Natural Aspect Concert (in reference to the Society's first charitable object and the language of the 1871 Act) and which attracted a record audience.

The purpose of the events was to draw public attention to the significance of the anniversary of the Act and what it has achieved in its 150 years, to encourage more visitors to the Heath and to make all visitors aware of the Heath's importance as, arguably, London's greatest open space, and to educate them about the need for its continuing protection.

12. The Society organised the return of grazing sheep to the Heath in September 2024.

13. The Society continued its project of a changing display of four series of large information boards on the fringes of the Heath educating visitors, in a seasonal context, about the Heath's wildlife and biodiversity and the need for their protection.

All such activities were for the public benefit. The charity does not have individual beneficiaries.

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Main achievements

Apart from the activities described above, the Society's main achievements for 2024 have been:

1. The continued influence on Camden Council in relation to the proper application of its own and local neighbourhood planning policies.
2. The continuation of a photographic competition #myhampsteadheath which has attracted well over 8,000 entries. Winning entries have appeared in the local press. One purpose of the competition is to promote awareness of the Heath and its importance.
3. The obtaining of various tree preservation orders within Hampstead and successful enforcement action in relation to unlawful tree-felling.
4. The continued improvement of the Society website, with related Twitter, Facebook and Instagram links for the Society, containing among other things, an interactive and educational map, accessible via an app, of Hampstead Heath.
5. The continued work with the church authorities to restore the tomb of the artist John Constable in the churchyard of St John-at-Hampstead.
6. The Society was instrumental in obtaining the necessary funding for three very significant projects on Hampstead Heath. The first project is the creation of an island on the Highgate No 3 Pond, also known as the Highgate Model Boating Pond. The planned "island" is presently connected with the mainland by a causeway; the causeway will be removed to allow the island to provide a safe bird sanctuary. The Society has procured the funding from a philanthropic Society member. The second project is the acquisition of a piece of land on the east of Hampstead Heath known as "Harry's Land". This piece of land is completely surrounded by public heathland and its current private ownership is an historical anomaly. The current owner is intending to sell the land back to the Heath, and the Society, through one of its members, is assisting in funding the purchase price. The third project is the restoration of the Heath drinking fountains, all of which were decommissioned during the pandemic. A generous legacy from a former Society trustee will fund this project. It is hoped that all these projects will be completed by 2026.

Plans for the future

The Society, in view of their success and popularity, will in 2025 continue to host the Kite Display and Natural Aspect Concert (see above) and arrange the return of grazing sheep to the Heath for an extended period in September.

The Society will continue to resist a new application for a certificate of lawful use in respect of the North Fairground Site (MOL) at the Vale of Health where the owner seeks permission from Camden Council in effect to operate the site as a commercial caravan park.

The Society will host the 3rd Hunter Davies lecture in March 2025, where the speaker will be Tom Oliver, a Society Patron.

The Society will continue its programme of monthly Heath walks for the public. However, for the trial period of 2025, there will be no admission charge for these walks. The Society regards the abolition of charges as increasing the public benefit associated with educating the public about the Heath. The cost of the walks in 2025 is being underwritten by a third-party benefactor.

The Society will be liaising closely with the City of London over the proposed adoption of a new financial plan for future funding of the Heath. The Society will continue its work on the strategy for controlling insecticides in the Hampstead Heath Ponds, referred to in paragraph 2 of Main Activities (above). The Society will continue its campaign referred to under paragraph 6 of Main Activities (above).

Reserves policy

The Society's policy on reserves is as follows: The Society maintains reserves to cover approximately one half-year's expected annual expenditure, together with funds to enable it to pursue its objects as described above. There are no funds in deficit.

Assets as custodian trustee

The Society holds no assets as custodian trustee apart from certain publications and local paintings for sale or resale.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Financial review

The trustees are satisfied with the financial performance of the Society in this year.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees do not foresee any significant risks to the Society or its operations, or any particular uncertainties facing it. At the end of 2024, the Society's membership stood at 2,004 (2,099 in 2023), of which 460 were life members.

The work of the Society could be adversely affected by new or changed government legislation or policies, at national or local level, but the Society is not presently aware of any such legislation or policies.

The Society only exceptionally enters into future financial commitments, with the result that it is always able to control its day-to-day expenditure to keep it, for practical purposes, within the Society's actual and anticipated income.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Summary of financial performance

The Society incurred a net surplus of £12,825 during the financial year 2024. The main reason for this surplus was the bequest to restricted funds from the late Martin Humphery, resulting in a fund of £10,000, and further receipts into the Jenifer Ford fund of £576. There was net income for the year of £2,408 in unrestricted funds, and net income of £10,305 in restricted funds. Included within the net surplus was an unrestricted funds gain on the Society's investment of £112.

The decreased gross expenditure in 2024 is partly due to Society members choosing to receive a soft copy of the Society's newsletter, rather than a hard copy.

The Society receives its funds from membership subscriptions, donations, legacies, organised walk contributions, lectures, appeals, fund-raising social events, deposit interest, and income from its investments.

A portion of these funds is applied in meeting the administrative costs of the Society. The major part of the balance is spent on producing a newsletter three times a year containing articles about Hampstead and Hampstead Heath, and on legal and other professional fees incurred in connection with the Society's campaigning activities.

At the year end, the Society had net assets of £73,166. £36,193 were held in unrestricted funds, and £36,973 in restricted funds.

The Society prepares cash flow and budget projections annually. These indicate the Society can meet its liabilities for a period of not less than 12 months from the date of approval of these projections by the trustees of the Society.

The trustees of the Society monitor, on a regular basis, its liquid resources, cash flows and bank balances, and general administrative expenses. The Society's costs are tightly controlled.

Accounting policies and future outlook

The Society reviews its accounting policies annually. It is the view of the trustees of the Society that no changes to the current policies are needed. The trustees are not aware of any specific factors likely to affect the financial performance of the Society or its position going forward.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view the trustees should follow best practice and:

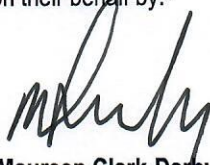
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP FRS 102,
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 15 April 2025 and signed on their behalf by:-



Marc Hutchinson
Chair



Maureen Clark-Darby
Treasurer

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 7 - 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of 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 seeking explanations from you as the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Michael Sparrow FCA
for and on behalf of Fisher Phillips LLP
Chartered Accountants
Summit House, 170 Finchley Road
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Dated 15 April 2025

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Income from:					
Subscriptions	6	-	23,772	23,772	26,329
Donations and legacies		10,576	7,944	18,520	10,229
Investment income and interest receivable	7	1,023	3,339	4,362	3,997
Total income		11,599	35,055	46,654	40,555
Expenditure on:					
<u>Charitable activities:</u>					
Heath expenditure		-	(4,401)	(4,401)	(2,033)
Website and IT expenditure		-	(2,890)	(2,890)	(4,366)
Newsletter		-	(13,623)	(13,623)	(16,262)
Administration expenditure		-	(3,303)	(3,303)	(2,233)
Independent examination fee		-	(2,040)	(2,040)	(2,040)
Membership promotion		-	(4,254)	(4,254)	(5,908)
Charitable donations		-	(68)	(68)	(1,018)
Kate Springett Legacy	11	(1,294)	-	(1,294)	(1,136)
		(1,294)	(30,579)	(31,873)	(34,996)
Costs of generating funds	8	-	(2,067)	(2,067)	(2,397)
Total expenditure		(1,294)	(32,647)	(33,940)	(37,393)
Net income / (expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		10,305	2,408	12,713	3,162
Net gains / (losses) on investments		-	112	112	(104)
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		10,305	2,520	12,825	3,058
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		10,305	2,520	12,825	3,058
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2024		26,668	33,673	60,341	57,283
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2024	11	36,973	36,193	73,166	60,341

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024		2023	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	2		4,417		4,305
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	3	531		2,031	
Cash at bank and in hand		101,419		93,362	
		<u>101,950</u>		<u>95,393</u>	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	4	(12,496)		(18,872)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>89,454</u>		<u>76,521</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>93,871</u>		<u>80,827</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after one year	5		(20,705)		(20,486)
			<u>73,166</u>		<u>60,341</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Restricted funds	11		36,973		26,668
Unrestricted funds	11		36,193		33,673
			<u>73,166</u>		<u>60,341</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 15 April 2025 and were signed on their behalf by:-



Marc Hutchinson
Chair



Maureen Clark-Darby
Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102).

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

1.3 Income

Income resources comprise membership subscriptions, donations, legacies, organised walk contributions, appeals, fund-raising social events, deposit interest and income from its investments.

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

The Society receives life membership subscriptions. This income is spread over ten years from the year in which it is first received.

1.4 Donations of gifts, services and facilities

Donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

1.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

1.6 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered.

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific charitable activities and has been included in those cost categories.

Direct expenditure in respect of fund-raising and governance is shown separately.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

1.7 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds comprise general funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Restricted funds are funds which have been given for particular projects. These funds are represented by cash at bank.

1.8 Investments

Unlisted investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations throughout the year.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Creditors and provisions

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

1.12 Reserves

The Society maintains reserves to cover one half year's expected annual expenditure and funds to enable it to pursue its charitable objects.

1.13 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2 INVESTMENTS

Unlisted investments consist of units held in The Equities Investment Fund for Charities (Charifund).

Market valuation	£
At 1 January 2024	4,305
Net investment gain/(loss)	112
At 31 December 2024	4,417
Historical cost	372

3 DEBTORS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations	-	1,500
Other debtors	531	531
	531	2,031

4 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

Annual subscriptions paid in advance	3,255	2,335
Deferred life membership subscriptions	2,301	2,276
Accruals	6,940	14,261
	12,496	18,872

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
5 CREDITORS: amounts falling due after one year		
Total deferred life membership subscriptions	23,006	22,762
Less falling due within one year	<u>(2,301)</u>	<u>(2,276)</u>
	<u>20,705</u>	<u>20,486</u>
Deferred for between two and five years	9,203	9,106
Deferred for more than five years	11,502	11,380
	<u>20,705</u>	<u>20,486</u>
6 SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Members' subscriptions attributable to the current year	18,124	19,985
Gift Aid recoverable on current subscriptions	5,648	6,344
	<u>23,772</u>	<u>26,329</u>
7 INVESTMENT INCOME		
Dividends received from unlisted investments	270	257
Gross interest received from cash deposits	4,092	3,740
	<u>4,362</u>	<u>3,997</u>
8 COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS		
Convening and conducting the annual general meeting	2,067	2,397

9 STAFF COSTS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION
The Society does not employ staff and the trustees are not remunerated.

10 CONTROL
The charity is under the control of the trustees.

11 FUNDS

	At 31/12/2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Investment gain/(loss)	At 31/12/2024
	£	£	£		£
Restricted reserves:					
Kate Springett Legacy	24,388	1,023	(1,294)	-	24,117
Jenifer Ford Bequest	2,280	576	-	-	2,856
Martin Humphery Bequest	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Unrestricted reserves	33,673	35,055	(32,647)	112	36,193
	<u>60,341</u>	<u>45,858</u>	<u>(35,759)</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>73,166</u>

Kate Springett Legacy

This reserve is for the protection and preservation of wild bird life on Hampstead Heath.

Jenifer Ford Bequest

This reserve, created from the sale of paintings bequeathed to the Society by the late Jenifer Ford, is for the erection of a memorial bench to Jenifer on the Heath, with the excess funds to be donated to the general purposes of the Society.

Martin Humphery Bequest

This reserve is for the restoration of public drinking fountains on Hampstead Heath

12 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year J Weston donated £500 to the charity. He is a trustee of the Charity and there was no restriction on his donation.

There were no other transactions with any trustee of the charity

THE HEATH AND HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 261782

Accounts



The Heath & Hampstead Society

Registered Charity No: 261782

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2023

FISHER PHILLIPS LLP
Chartered Accountants

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees (during the year ended 31 December 2023 and thereafter, until the date of approval of these financial statements)

Lord Mance
M Hutchinson
M Clark-Darby
E Ellis
J Beyer
D Castle
L Austin
F Harding
V Harding
A Haslam-Jones
J Learmond-Criqui
R Linger
T Radice
M Raman
Prof J Wagge
J Weston

Registered charity number

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Accountants

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THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

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THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 9-11 and comply with applicable law.

Constitution and governance

The Society is an unincorporated association constituted under its governing document, the Society's constitution, adopted on 19 June 2012. The Society's sub-committees are regulated by a series of bye-laws. All significant decisions affecting the Society are taken by the General Committee, which meets every two months.

Trustees (the members of the Society's General Committee) are mostly elected. Some are elected for three-year terms at the annual general meeting. The officers (President, Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) are elected annually at the annual general meeting. The three Vice-Chairs (the chairs of the Society's three permanent sub-committees) and the Society's representative on the statutory City of London Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee are appointed by the trustees. The trustees occasionally appoint other persons as trustees to fill temporary vacancies on the General Committee. The maximum permitted number of trustees is 20. New trustees are given the current Charity Commission guidance on trusteeship and have a discussion about their duties with the Society's Chair (a solicitor). Most of the trustees are or have been trustees of other charities.

The trustees named under Legal and Administrative Information have served as detailed.

The Society does not employ staff and none of its trustees or sub-committee members is remunerated. All the charitable work of the Society is performed by volunteers.

Charitable objects

The objects of the Society are;

1. To preserve those parts of Hampstead Heath which are subject to s.16 of the Hampstead Heath Act 1871 in their wild and natural state, and also to preserve the natural and characteristic features of the other parts of the Heath, so far as is consistent with their enjoyment by the public;
2. To promote and maintain the amenities and characteristics of the environs of the Heath, and of the buildings and streets of Hampstead;
3. To promote public interest in the study of natural history, conservation and the history of the areas referred to in 1 and 2 above.

Main activities

The main activities of the Society in relation to its objects (by reference to the numbered objects) have been as follows:

1. The Society makes regular representations to the City of London Corporation in several forums concerning the conservation and management of the Heath: the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee and the Hampstead Heath Sports Forum. The Society's Heath Sub-Committee undertook inspection walks of different parts of the Heath, accompanied by Heath staff, to monitor the conservation of the Heath. The Society is also represented on the Hampstead Heath Management Committee, the statutory body which manages the Heath on behalf of the City.
2. The Society continued to participate in the preparation of various draft policies to be promulgated under the City of London Corporation (Open Spaces) Act 2018, a private Act for the better regulation of the City's open spaces, including Hampstead Heath. Participation included meetings with the City and stakeholders for discussion on policy and actual drafting. The Society continued to work with the City to identify the existing preferred nesting areas of Heath birds and to formulate a strategy for rubbish recycling, and the huge increase in visitor numbers following the Covid pandemic. The Chair and members of the Heath Sub-Committee met regularly with the Superintendent of the Heath to monitor and discuss all operational issues affecting the Heath.

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Main activities (continued)

3. The Society has continued to support Camden Council in relation to ongoing and successful enforcement action over the erection of unlawful structures at the South Fairground Site (MOL) at the Vale of Health.
 4. The Society reviews and comments to Camden Council on significant planning applications in Hampstead and on the fringes of the Heath. The Society opposes inappropriate development and contributes financially to, and in an advisory or expert role at, planning appeals, especially those involving a seriously harmful development or one which involves the setting of a harmful precedent. The Society is in constant contact with Camden Council in relation to planning, development, conservation and traffic issues. The Society also assists residents and others in opposing inappropriate licensing applications, typically for extended alcohol licences. The Society campaigns in support of local independent shops, and runs the Hampstead Card scheme for that purpose.
 5. The Society was a leading and successful objector in 2022 to Camden Council (as the local planning authority) in relation to the redevelopment of a large builder's yard known as Murphy's Yard at Gospel Oak on the south-eastern tip of the Heath, an oversized residential and commercial development with no green space of its own, including high rise towers which would have blocked important and historic views from and to the Heath and cast shadow over parts of the Heath in winter time, the application for which was withdrawn by the developer. The Society continues to provide advice and suggestion (some of it expert) to the developer and Camden Council on the type of development for the site which would be acceptable.
 6. The Society continued to support a campaign to prevent the demolition - with a view to the construction of high-rise luxury flats - of Queen Mary's House, a former maternity hospital on a large site on the edge of East Hampstead Heath, presently owned by the Royal Free Hospital. This campaign succeeded in early 2024 when the local planning authority resolved to prevent future demolition.
 7. The Society organised monthly public educational walks on the Heath and published three newsletters. The Society continued the scheme for the erection of commemorative plaques on Hampstead buildings.
 8. On 25 May, Justin Rowlett, Climate Editor, BBC, gave the Inaugural Hunter Davies Lecture to Society members and the public, at a full Rosslyn Hill Chapel, entitled "Climate Change - a report from the frontline". The lecture was streamed live to Society members and the public.
 9. On 28 September the Society hosted the annual Springett Lecture given by Jonathan Meares, the City of London's Conservation and Trees Manager for the Heath, at Rosslyn Hill Chapel. The lecture is funded by a legacy from the late Kate Springett, founder of the Marylebone Birdwatching Society. The lecture was entitled "Hampstead Heath and Climate Change" and streamed live to Society members and the public.
 10. Originally held to mark publicly the sesquicentenary of the Hampstead Heath Act of 1871, the Act of Parliament that saved the Heath for the nation in perpetuity, the Society hosted a repetition of two special events in the summer of 2023: a free kite-flying display (with the Kite Society of Great Britain) on Parliament Hill (sometimes known as Kite Hill) and a live, free public concert on the Heath, called the Natural Aspect Concert (in reference to the Society's first charitable object and the language of the 1871 Act) and which attracted a record 1,500 audience.
The purpose of the events was to draw public attention to the significance of the anniversary of the Act and what it has achieved in its 150 years, to encourage more visitors to the Heath and to make all visitors aware of the Heath's importance as, arguably, London's greatest open space, and to educate them about the need for its continuing protection.
 11. In September, the Society organised the return of grazing sheep to the Heath (last seen in 2019, before the pandemic).
 12. The Society continued its project of a changing display of four series of large information boards on the fringes of the Heath educating visitors, in a seasonal context, about the Heath's wildlife and biodiversity and the need for their protection.
- All such activities were for the public benefit. The charity does not have individual beneficiaries.

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Main achievements

Apart from the activities described above, the Society's main achievements for 2023 have been:

1. The continued influence on Camden Council in relation to the proper application of its own and local neighbourhood planning policies.
2. The continuation of a photographic competition #myhampsteadheath which has attracted well over 7,000 entries. Winning entries have appeared in the local press. One purpose of the competition is to promote awareness of the Heath and its importance.
3. The obtaining of various tree preservation orders within Hampstead and successful enforcement action in relation to unlawful tree-felling.
4. The continued improvement of the Society website, with related Twitter, Facebook and Instagram links for the Society, containing among other things, an interactive and educational map, accessible via an app, of Hampstead Heath.
5. The continued work with the church authorities to restore the tomb of the artist Constable in the churchyard of St John-at-Hampstead.
6. The Society supported the successful re-creation of a former pond on the Heath at Branch Hill, known as "Constable's Pond" because the original featured in one of his Heath paintings.

Plans for the future

The Society, in view of their success and popularity, will in 2024 also continue to host the Kite Display and Natural Aspect Concert (see above) and arrange the return of grazing sheep to the Heath for an extended period in September.

The Society will continue to resist a new application for a certificate of lawful use in respect of the North Fairground Site (MOL) at the Vale of Health, where the owner seeks permission from Camden Council in effect to operate the site as a commercial caravan park.

The Society will also host the second Hunter Davies lecture, where the speaker will be Tudor Allen, the Local Studies and Archives Manager for the Borough of Camden.

Reserves policy

The Society's policy on reserves is as follows: The Society maintains reserves to cover approximately one half-year's expected annual expenditure, together with funds to enable it to pursue its objects as described above. There are no funds in deficit.

Assets as custodian trustee

The Society holds no assets as custodian trustee apart from certain publications and local paintings for sale or resale.

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Financial review

The trustees are satisfied with the financial performance of the Society in this year.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees do not foresee any significant risks to the Society or its operations, or any particular uncertainties facing it. At the end of 2023, the Society's membership stood at 2,099 (2,062 in 2022), of which 564 (540 in 2022) were life members.

The work of the Society could be adversely affected by new or changed government legislation or policies, at national or local level, but the Society is not presently aware of any such legislation or policies.

The Society only exceptionally enters into future financial commitments, with the result that it is always able to control its day-to-day expenditure to keep it, for practical purposes, within the Society's actual and anticipated income.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Summary of financial performance

The Society incurred a net surplus of £3,058 during the financial year 2023. The main reason for this surplus was the bequest to restricted funds from Jenifer Ford, resulting in a fund of £2,280. There was net income for the year of £914 in unrestricted funds, and net income of £2,144 in restricted funds. Included within the net surplus was an unrestricted funds loss on the Society's investment of £104.

The decreased gross expenditure is due to the Society not having to incur legal costs in 2023 in relation to licensing applications.

The Society receives its funds from membership subscriptions, donations, legacies, organised walk contributions, lectures, appeals, fund-raising social events, deposit interest, and income from its investments.

A portion of these funds is applied in meeting the administrative costs of the Society. The major part of the balance is spent on producing a newsletter three times a year containing articles about Hampstead and Hampstead Heath, and on legal and other professional fees incurred in connection with the Society's campaigning activities.

At the year end, the Society had net assets of £60,341. £33,673 was held in unrestricted funds, and £26,668 in restricted funds.

The Society prepares cash flow and budget projections annually. These indicate the Society can meet its liabilities for a period of not less than 12 months from the date of approval of these projections by the trustees of the Society.

The trustees of the Society monitor, on a regular basis, its liquid resources, cash flows and bank balances, and general administrative expenses. The Society's costs are tightly controlled.

Accounting policies and future outlook

The Society reviews its accounting policies annually. It is the view of the trustees of the Society that no changes to the current policies are needed. The trustees are not aware of any specific factors likely to affect the financial performance of the Society or its position going forward.

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view the trustees should follow best practice and:

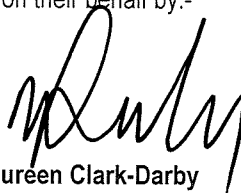
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP FRS 102,
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 20th March 2024 and signed on their behalf by:-



Marc Hutchinson
Chair



Maureen Clark-Darby
Treasurer

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 7 - 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

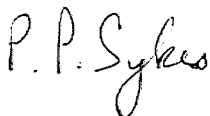
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of 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 seeking explanations from you as the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Philip Sykes

for and on behalf of Fisher Phillips LLP

Chartered Accountants

Summit House, 170 Finchley Road

London NW3 6BP

Dated 20th March 2024

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Income from:					
Subscriptions	6	-	26,329	26,329	27,651
Donations and legacies		2,280	7,949	10,229	12,599
Investment income and interest receivable	7	1,000	2,997	3,997	1,156
Total income		3,280	37,275	40,555	41,406
Expenditure on:					
<u>Charitable activities:</u>					
Town expenditure		-	-	-	(2,906)
Heath expenditure		-	(2,033)	(2,033)	(12,500)
Website and IT expenditure		-	(4,366)	(4,366)	(1,357)
Newsletter		-	(16,262)	(16,262)	(15,720)
Administration expenditure		-	(2,233)	(2,233)	(1,610)
Independent examination fee		-	(2,040)	(2,040)	(1,800)
Membership promotion		-	(5,908)	(5,908)	(4,161)
Charitable donations		-	(1,018)	(1,018)	(818)
Kate Springett Legacy	11	(1,136)	-	(1,136)	(318)
		(1,136)	(33,860)	(34,996)	(41,190)
Costs of generating funds	8	-	(2,397)	(2,397)	(1,584)
Total expenditure		(1,136)	(36,257)	(37,393)	(42,774)
Net income / (expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		2,144	1,018	3,162	(1,368)
Net gains / (losses) on investments		-	(104)	(104)	(259)
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		2,144	914	3,058	(1,627)
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		2,144	914	3,058	(1,627)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2023		24,524	32,759	57,283	58,910
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2023	11	26,668	33,673	60,341	57,283

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET

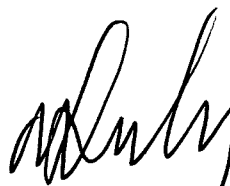
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	2		4,305		4,409
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	3	2,031		531	
Cash at bank and in hand		93,362		103,424	
		<u>95,393</u>		<u>103,955</u>	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	4	(18,872)		(29,836)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>76,521</u>		<u>74,119</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>80,827</u>		<u>78,528</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after one year	5		(20,486)		(21,245)
			<u>60,341</u>		<u>57,283</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Restricted funds	11		26,668		24,524
Unrestricted funds	11		33,673		32,759
			<u>60,341</u>		<u>57,283</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 20th March 2024 and were signed on their behalf by:-



Marc Hutchinson
Chair



Maureen Clark-Darby
Treasurer

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102).

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

1.3 Income

Income resources comprise membership subscriptions, donations, legacies, organised walk contributions, appeals, fund-raising social events, deposit interest and income from its investments.

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

The Society receives life membership subscriptions. This income is spread over ten years from the year in which it is first received.

1.4 Donations of gifts, services and facilities

Donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

1.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

1.6 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered.

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific charitable activities and has been included in those cost categories.

Direct expenditure in respect of fund-raising and governance is shown separately.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

1.7 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds comprise general funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects. Restricted funds are funds which have been given for particular projects. These funds are represented by cash at bank.

1.8 Investments

Unlisted investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations throughout the year.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Creditors and provisions

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

1.12 Reserves

The Society maintains reserves to cover one half year's expected annual expenditure and funds to enable it to pursue its charitable objects.

1.13 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2. INVESTMENTS

Unlisted investments consist of units held in The Equities Investment Fund for Charities (Charifund).

Market valuation

	£
At 1 January 2023	4,409
Net investment gain/(loss)	(104)
At 31 December 2023	<u>4,305</u>
Historical cost	<u>372</u>

3. DEBTORS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations	1,500	-
Other debtors	531	531
	<u>2,031</u>	<u>531</u>

4. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

Annual subscriptions paid in advance	2,335	3,320
Deferred life membership subscriptions	2,276	2,361
Accruals	14,261	24,155
	<u>18,872</u>	<u>29,836</u>

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
5. CREDITORS: amounts falling due after one year		
Total deferred life membership subscriptions	22,762	23,605
Less falling due within one year	<u>(2,276)</u>	<u>(2,360)</u>
	<u>20,486</u>	<u>21,245</u>
Deferred for between two and five years	9,106	9,443
Deferred for more than five years	<u>11,380</u>	<u>11,802</u>
	<u>20,486</u>	<u>21,245</u>
6. SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Members' subscriptions attributable to the current year	19,985	19,836
Gift Aid recoverable on current subscriptions	<u>6,344</u>	<u>7,815</u>
	<u>26,329</u>	<u>27,651</u>
7. INVESTMENT INCOME		
Dividends received from unlisted investments	257	254
Gross interest received from cash deposits	<u>3,740</u>	<u>902</u>
	<u>3,997</u>	<u>1,156</u>
8. COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS		
Convening and conducting the annual general meeting	<u>2,397</u>	<u>1,584</u>

9. STAFF COSTS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION
The Society does not employ staff and the trustees are not remunerated.

10. CONTROL
The charity is under the control of the trustees.

11. FUNDS

	At 31 Dec 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Investment gain/(loss)	At 31 Dec 2023
	£	£	£		£
Restricted reserves:					
Kate Springett Legacy	24,524	1,000	(1,136)	-	24,388
Jenifer Ford Bequest	-	2,280	-	-	2,280
Unrestricted reserves	<u>32,759</u>	<u>37,275</u>	<u>(36,257)</u>	<u>(104)</u>	<u>33,673</u>
	<u>57,283</u>	<u>40,555</u>	<u>(37,393)</u>	<u>(104)</u>	<u>60,341</u>

Kate Springett Legacy

This reserve is for the protection and preservation of wild bird life on Hampstead Heath.

Jenifer Ford Bequest

This reserve, created from the sale of paintings bequeathed to the Society by the late Jenifer Ford, is for the erection of a memorial bench to Jenifer on the Heath, with the excess funds to be donated to the general purposes of the Society.

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year M Hutchinson donated £1,393 and J Weston donated £1,400 to the charity. They are both trustees of the Charity and there were no restricts to these donation.

There were no other transactions with any trustee of the charity.

THE HEATH AND HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 261782

Accounts



The Heath & Hampstead Society

Registered Charity No: 261782

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2022

FISHER PHILLIPS LLP
Chartered Accountants

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees (during the year ended 31 December 2022 and thereafter, until the date of approval of these financial statements)

Lord Mance
M Hutchinson
M Clark-Darby
E Ellis
J Beyer
D Castle
L Austin
T Ghilchik (Retired 15 June 2022)
F Harding
V Harding
A Haslam-Jones
J Learmond-Criqui
R Linger
T Radice
M Raman
Prof J Wagge
J Weston

Registered charity number

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THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

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THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2022. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 9 - 11 and comply with applicable law.

Constitution and governance

The Society, a registered charity under number 261782, is an unincorporated association constituted under its governing document, the Society's constitution, adopted on 19 June 2012. The Society's sub-committees are regulated by a series of bye-laws. All significant decisions affecting the Society are taken by the General Committee, which meets every two months.

Trustees (the members of the Society's General Committee) are mostly elected. Some are elected for three-year terms at the annual general meeting. The officers (President, Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) are elected annually at the annual general meeting. The three Vice-Chairs (the chairs of the Society's three permanent sub-committees) and the Society's representative on the statutory City of London Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee are appointed by the trustees. The trustees occasionally appoint other persons as trustees to fill temporary vacancies on the General Committee. The maximum permitted number of trustees is 20. New trustees are given the current Charity Commission guidance on trusteeship and have a discussion about their duties with the Society's Chair (a solicitor). Most of the trustees are or have been trustees of other charities.

The trustees named under Legal and Administrative Information have served as detailed.

The Society does not employ staff and none of its trustees or sub-committee members is remunerated. All the charitable work of the Society is performed by volunteers.

Charitable objects

The objects of the Society are;

1. To preserve those parts of Hampstead Heath which are subject to s.16 of the Hampstead Heath Act 1871 in their wild and natural state, and also to preserve the natural and characteristic features of the other parts of the Heath, so far as is consistent with their enjoyment by the public;
2. To promote and maintain the amenities and characteristics of the environs of the Heath, and of the buildings and streets of Hampstead;
3. To promote public interest in the study of natural history, conservation and the history of the areas referred to in 1 and 2 above.

Main activities

The main activities of the Society in relation to its objects (by reference to the numbered objects) have been as follows:

1. The Society makes regular representations to the City of London Corporation in several forums concerning the conservation and management of the Heath including the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee and the Hampstead Heath Sports and Wellbeing Forum. The Society's Heath Sub-Committee undertakes inspection walks of different parts of the Heath, accompanied by Heath staff, to monitor the conservation of the Heath. The Society is also represented on the Hampstead Heath Management Committee, the statutory body which manages the Heath on behalf of the City.
2. The Society continued to participate in the preparation of various draft policies to be promulgated under the City of London Corporation (Open Spaces) Act 2018, a private Act for the better regulation of the City's open spaces, including Hampstead Heath. Participation included meetings with the City and stakeholders for discussion on policy and actual drafting. The Society continued to work with the City to identify the existing preferred nesting areas of Heath birds and to formulate a strategy for rubbish recycling, and the high increase in visitor numbers following the Covid pandemic. The Chair and members of the Heath Sub-Committee met monthly with the Superintendent of the Heath to monitor and discuss all operational issues affecting the Heath.

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Main activities (continued)

3. The Society has continued to support Camden Council in relation to ongoing and successful enforcement action over the erection of unlawful structures at the South Fairground Site (MOL) at the Vale of Health.

4. The Society reviews and comments to Camden Council on significant planning applications in Hampstead and on the fringes of the Heath. The Society opposes inappropriate development and contributes financially to, and in an advisory or expert role at, planning appeals, especially those involving a seriously harmful development or one which involves the setting of a harmful precedent. The Society is in constant contact with Camden Council in relation to planning, development, conservation and traffic issues. The Society also assists residents and others in opposing inappropriate licensing applications, typically for extended alcohol licences. The Society campaigns in support of local independent shops, and runs the Hampstead Card scheme for that purpose.

5. The Society was a leading and successful objector to Camden Council (as the local planning authority) in relation to: 1) an application to construct five houses in the garden of 55 Fitzroy Park (legally designated as "private open space") by Millfield Lane on the Highgate side of the Heath, which was eventually refused; and 2) the redevelopment of a large builder's yard known as Murphy's Yard at Gospel Oak on the south-eastern tip of the Heath, an oversized residential and commercial development with no green space of its own, including high rise towers which would have blocked important and historic views from and to the Heath and cast shadow over parts of the Heath in winter time, the application for which was withdrawn by the developer. The Society continues to provide advice and suggestion (some of it expert) to the developer and Camden Council on the type of development for the site which would be acceptable.

6. The Society continued to support campaigns to prevent the demolition - with a view to the construction of high-rise luxury flats - of Queen Mary's House, a former maternity hospital on a large site on the edge of East Hampstead Heath, presently owned by the Royal Free Hospital.

7. The Society organised monthly public educational walks on the Heath and published three newsletters. The Society continued the scheme for the erection of commemorative plaques on Hampstead buildings.

8. On 22 March Lord Bragg CH, who has been a Society Patron since 2021, gave the 2022 Glass-in-Hand Lecture to Society members and the public, at a full Rossllyn Hill Chapel, entitled "William Tyndale (1494-1536): The Bible and its Language". This was a very successful fundraising event for the Society.

9. On 29 September the Society hosted the annual Springett Lecture given by David Humphries and Alasdair Nicholl at Rossllyn Hill Chapel. The lecture is funded by a legacy from the late Kate Springett, founder of the Marylebone Birdwatching Society. The lecturers are both highly qualified arborists and the lecture was entitled "Protecting the Veteran Tree Ecology of Hampstead Heath", something for which, as tree managers for the Heath, they have a direct professional responsibility. The lecture was streamed live to Society members and the public.

10. Originally held to mark publicly the sesquicentenary of the Hampstead Heath Act of 1871, the Act of Parliament that saved the Heath for the nation in perpetuity, the Society hosted a repetition of two special events in the summer of 2022: a free kite-flying display (with the Kite Society of Great Britain) on Parliament Hill (sometimes known as Kite Hill) and a live, free public concert on the Heath, called the Natural Aspect Concert (in reference to the Society's first charitable object and the language of the 1871 Act).

The purpose of the events was to draw public attention to the significance of the anniversary of the Act and what it has achieved in its 150 years, to encourage more visitors to the Heath and to make all visitors aware of the Heath's importance as, arguably, London's greatest open space, and to educate them about the need for its continuing protection.

11. The Society continued its project of a changing display of large information boards on the fringes of the Heath educating visitors, in a seasonal context, about the Heath's wildlife and biodiversity and the need for their protection.

All such activities were for the public benefit. The charity does not have individual beneficiaries.

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Main achievements

Apart from the activities described above, the Society's main achievements for 2022 have been:

1. The continued influence on Camden Council in relation to the proper application of its own and local neighbourhood planning policies.
2. The continuation of a photographic competition #myhampsteadheath which has attracted well over 5,000 entries. Winning entries have appeared in the local press. One purpose of the competition is to promote awareness of the Heath and its importance.
3. The obtaining of various tree preservation orders within Hampstead and successful enforcement action in relation to unlawful tree-felling.
4. The continued improvement of the Society website, with related Twitter, Facebook and Instagram links for the Society, containing among other things, an interactive and educational map, accessible via an app, of Hampstead Heath.
5. The continued work with the church authorities to restore the tomb of the artist Constable in the churchyard of St John-at-Hampstead.
6. The Society contributed £1,000 to the fund for the refurbishment of the Heath Extension Playground and supported the successful re-creation of a former pond on the Heath at Branch Hill, known as Constable's Pond because the original featured in one of his Heath paintings.

Plans for the future

The Society has, following the Covid pandemic, resumed its full range of customary activities.

The Society, in view of their success and popularity, will in 2023 also continue to host the Kite Display and Natural Aspect Concert (see above) and arrange the return of grazing sheep to the Heath (last seen in 2019) for a short period in September.

The Society will resist a new application for a certificate of lawful use in respect of the North Fairground Site (MOL) at the Vale of Health where the owner seeks permission from Camden Council in effect to operate the site as a commercial caravan park.

The Society will also host the inaugural Hunter Davies Lecture in May where the guest speaker will be Justin Rowlett, the BBC News Climate Editor.

Reserves policy

The Society's policy on reserves is as follows: The Society maintains reserves to cover approximately one half-year's expected annual expenditure, together with funds to enable it to pursue its objects as described above. There are no funds in deficit.

Assets as custodian trustee

The Society holds no assets as custodian trustee apart from certain publications for sale or resale.

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Financial review

The trustees are satisfied with the financial performance of the Society in this year.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees do not foresee any significant risks to the Society or its operations, or any particular uncertainties facing it. At the end of 2022, the Society's membership stood at 2,092 (2,015 in 2021), of which 540 (535 in 2021) were life members.

The work of the Society could be adversely affected by new or changed government legislation or policies, at national or local level, but the Society is not presently aware of any such legislation or policies.

The Society only exceptionally enters into future financial commitments, with the result that it is always able to control its day-to-day expenditure to keep it, for practical purposes, within the Society's actual and anticipated income.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Summary of financial performance

The Society incurred a net deficit of £1,627 during the financial year 2022. The main reason for this net deficit was increased gross expenditure on the Heath in the form of legal costs of challenging a licensing application for outdoor events on the Kenwood Estate and costs of biodiversity information boards. There was a net deficit for the year of £1,521 in unrestricted funds, and net deficit of £106 in restricted funds. Included within the net deficit was an unrestricted funds loss on the Society's investment of £259.

The Society receives its funds from membership subscriptions, donations, legacies, organised walk contributions, lectures, appeals, fund-raising social events, deposit interest, and income from its investments.

A portion of these funds is applied in meeting the administrative costs of the Society. The major part of the balance is spent on producing a newsletter three times a year containing articles about Hampstead and Hampstead Heath, and on legal and other professional fees incurred in connection with the Society's campaigning activities.

At the year end, the Society had net assets of £57,283. £32,759 were held in unrestricted funds, and £24,524 in restricted funds.

The Society prepares cash flow and budget projections annually. These indicate the Society can meet its liabilities for a period of not less than 12 months from the date of approval of these projections by the trustees of the Society.

The trustees of the Society monitor, on a regular basis, its liquid resources, cash flows and bank balances, and general administrative expenses. The Society's costs are tightly controlled.

Accounting policies and future outlook

The Society reviews its accounting policies annually. It is the view of the trustees of the Society that no changes to the current policies are needed. The trustees are not aware of any specific factors likely to affect the financial performance of the Society or its position going forward.

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Statement of trustees' responsibilities


The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view the trustees should follow best practice and:

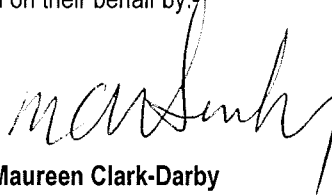
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP FRS 102,
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 15 March 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Marc Hutchinson
Chair



Maureen Clark-Darby
Treasurer

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 7 - 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

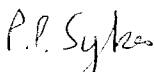
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of 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 seeking explanations from you as the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Philip Sykes

for and on behalf of Fisher Phillips LLP

Chartered Accountants

Summit House, 170 Finchley Road

London NW3 6BP

Dated 15 March 2023

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Income from:					
Subscriptions	6	-	27,651	27,651	26,861
Donations and legacies		-	12,599	12,599	22,694
Investment income and interest receivable	7	212	944	1,156	233
Total income		212	41,194	41,406	49,788
Expenditure on:					
<u>Charitable activities:</u>					
Town expenditure		-	(2,906)	(2,906)	(4,513)
Heath expenditure		-	(12,500)	(12,500)	(3,601)
Website and IT expenditure		-	(1,357)	(1,357)	(3,930)
Newsletter		-	(15,720)	(15,720)	(13,076)
Administration expenditure		-	(1,610)	(1,610)	(1,420)
Independent examination fee		-	(1,800)	(1,800)	(1,800)
Membership promotion		-	(4,161)	(4,161)	(4,890)
Charitable donations		-	(818)	(818)	(1,068)
Kate Springett Legacy	11	(318)	-	(318)	(2,689)
		(318)	(40,872)	(41,190)	(36,987)
Costs of generating funds	8	-	(1,584)	(1,584)	(1,511)
Total expenditure		(318)	(42,456)	(42,774)	(38,498)
Net income / (expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		(106)	(1,262)	(1,368)	11,290
Net gains / (losses) on investments		-	(259)	(259)	550
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		(106)	(1,521)	(1,627)	11,840
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(106)	(1,521)	(1,627)	11,840
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2022		24,630	34,280	58,910	47,793
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2022	11	24,524	32,759	57,283	59,633

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

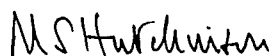
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BALANCE SHEET

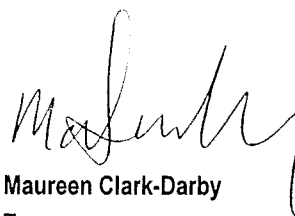
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	2		4,409		4,668
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	3	531		531	
Cash at bank and in hand		103,424		103,081	
		<u>103,955</u>		<u>103,612</u>	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	4	(29,837)		(28,086)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>74,118</u>		<u>75,526</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>78,528</u>		<u>80,194</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after one year	5		(21,245)		(21,284)
			<u>57,283</u>		<u>58,910</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Restricted funds	11		24,524		24,630
Unrestricted funds	11		32,759		34,280
			<u>57,283</u>		<u>58,910</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 15 March 2023 and were signed on their behalf by:-



Marc Hutchinson
Chair



Maureen Clark-Darby
Treasurer

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102).

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

1.3 Income

Income resources comprise membership subscriptions, donations, legacies, organised walk contributions, appeals, fund-raising social events, deposit interest and income from its investments.

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

The Society receives life membership subscriptions. This income is spread over ten years from the year in which it is first received.

1.4 Donations of gifts, services and facilities

Donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

1.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

1.6 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered.

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific charitable activities and has been included in those cost categories.

Direct expenditure in respect of fund-raising and governance is shown separately.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

1.7 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds comprise general funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects. Restricted funds are funds which have been given for particular projects. These funds are represented by cash at bank.

1.8 Investments

Unlisted investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations throughout the year.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Creditors and provisions

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

1.12 Reserves

The Society maintains reserves to cover one half year's expected annual expenditure and funds to enable it to pursue its charitable objects.

1.13 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2. INVESTMENTS

Unlisted investments consist of units held in The Equities Investment Fund for Charities (Charifund).

Market valuation	£
At 1 January 2022	4,668
Net investment gain/(loss)	(259)
At 31 December 2022	<u>4,409</u>
Historical cost	<u>372</u>

3. DEBTORS

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations	-	-
Other debtors	531	531
	<u>531</u>	<u>531</u>

4. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

Annual subscriptions paid in advance	3,320	3,425
Deferred life membership subscriptions	2,361	2,365
Accruals	24,156	22,296
	<u>29,837</u>	<u>28,086</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
5. CREDITORS: amounts falling due after one year		
Total deferred life membership subscriptions	23,605	23,649
Less falling due within one year	<u>(2,360)</u>	<u>(2,365)</u>
	<u>21,245</u>	<u>21,284</u>
Deferred for between two and five years	9,443	9,460
Deferred for more than five years	<u>11,802</u>	<u>11,824</u>
	<u>21,245</u>	<u>21,284</u>
6. SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Members' subscriptions attributable to the current year	19,836	20,206
Gift Aid recoverable on current subscriptions	<u>7,815</u>	<u>6,655</u>
	<u>27,651</u>	<u>26,861</u>
7. INVESTMENT INCOME		
Dividends received from unlisted investments	254	223
Gross interest received from cash deposits	<u>902</u>	<u>10</u>
	<u>1,156</u>	<u>233</u>
8. COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS		
Convening and conducting the annual general meeting	<u>1,584</u>	<u>1,511</u>

9. STAFF COSTS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION
The Society does not employ staff and the trustees are not remunerated.

10. CONTROL
The charity is under the control of the trustees.

11. FUNDS

	At 31 Dec 2021	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Investment gain/(loss)	At 31 Dec 2022
	£	£	£		£
Restricted reserves:					
Kate Springett Legacy	24,630	212	(318)	-	24,524
Unrestricted reserves	34,280	41,194	(42,456)	(259)	32,759
	<u>58,910</u>	<u>41,406</u>	<u>(42,774)</u>	<u>(259)</u>	<u>57,283</u>

Kate Springett Legacy

This reserve is for the protection and preservation of wild bird life on Hampstead Heath.

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year there were no transactions with any trustee of the charity.

THE HEATH AND HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 261782

Accounts



The Heath & Hampstead Society

Registered Charity No: 261782

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2021**

**FISHER PHILLIPS LLP
Chartered Accountants**

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees (during the year ended 31 December 2021 and thereafter, until the date of approval of these financial statements)

Lord Hoffmann (Retired 21 July 2021)
Lord Mance (Appointed 21 July 2021)
M Humphery (Retired 31 December 2021)
M Hutchinson
M Clark-Darby
E Ellis
J Beyer
D Castle
L Austin
T Ghilchik
F Harding
V Harding
A Haslam-Jones
J Learmond-Criqui
R Linger
D James-Williams (Retired 13 August 2021)
T Radice
M Raman (Appointed 21 July 2021)
P Tausig (Retired 21 July 2021)
Prof J Wagge
J Weston

Registered charity number

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THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 9 - 11 and comply with applicable law.

Constitution and governance

The Society is an unincorporated association constituted under its governing document, the Society's constitution, adopted on 19 June 2012. The Society's sub-committees are regulated by a series of bye-laws. All significant decisions affecting the Society are taken by the General Committee, which meets every two months.

Trustees (the members of the Society's General Committee) are mostly elected. Some are elected for three-year terms at the annual general meeting. The officers (President, Vice-President, Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) are elected annually at the annual general meeting. The three Vice-Chairs (the chairs of the Society's three permanent sub-committees) and the Society's representative on the statutory City of London Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee are appointed by the trustees. The trustees occasionally appoint other persons as trustees to fill temporary vacancies on the General Committee. The maximum permitted number of trustees is 20. New trustees are given the current Charity Commission guidance on trusteeship and have a discussion about their duties with the Society's Chair (a solicitor). Most of the trustees are or have been trustees of other charities.

Because of the Covid pandemic it was not possible to hold the 2020 annual general meeting in 2020 or even, on a delayed basis, in the Spring of 2021. The Society's constitution did not then permit the holding of virtual meetings. Accordingly the 2020 meeting was combined with the 2021 annual general meeting held in July 2021. At that meeting the constitution was amended to enable the holding of virtual meetings, of the Society and of its committees.

The trustees named under Legal and Administrative Information have served as detailed.

The Society does not employ staff and none of its trustees or sub-committee members is remunerated. All the charitable work of the Society is performed by volunteers.

Charitable objects

The objects of the Society are;

1. To preserve those parts of Hampstead Heath which are subject to s.16 of the Hampstead Heath Act 1871 in their wild and natural state, and also to preserve the natural and characteristic features of the other parts of the Heath, so far as is consistent with their enjoyment by the public;
2. To promote and maintain the amenities and characteristics of the environs of the Heath, and of the buildings and streets of Hampstead;
3. To promote public interest in the study of natural history, conservation and the history of the areas referred to in 1 and 2 above.

Main activities

The main activities of the Society in relation to its objects (by reference to the numbered objects) have been as follows:

1. The Society makes regular representations to the City of London Corporation in several forums concerning the conservation and management of the Heath: the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee and the Hampstead Heath Sports Forum. The Society's Heath Sub-Committee undertook inspection walks of different parts of the Heath, accompanied by Heath staff, to monitor the conservation of the Heath. The number of walks was limited in 2021 by reason of the Covid pandemic rules on gatherings. The Society is also represented on the Hampstead Heath Management Committee, the statutory body which manages the Heath on behalf of the City.
2. The Society continued to participate in the preparation of various draft policies to be promulgated under the City of London Corporation (Open Spaces) Act 2018, a private Act for the better regulation of the City's open spaces, including Hampstead Heath. Participation included meetings with the City and stakeholders for discussion on policy and actual drafting. The Society continued to work with the City to identify the existing preferred nesting areas of Heath birds and to formulate a strategy for rubbish recycling, and the high increase in visitor numbers following the start of the Covid pandemic. Since March 2020, the Chair and members of the Heath Sub-Committee have met, for approximately one hour, online and fortnightly with the Superintendent of the Heath to monitor and discuss all management issues affecting the Heath. These scheduled meetings began during, and because of, the pandemic in March 2020 but have been continued by reason of their general usefulness.
3. The Society has continued to support Camden Council in relation to ongoing and successful enforcement action over the erection of new buildings at the South Fairground Site (MOL) at the Vale of Health.

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Main activities (continued)

4. The Society reviews and comments to Camden Council on most planning applications in Hampstead and on the fringes of the Heath. The Society opposes inappropriate development (typically new basements) and contributes financially to, and in an advisory or expert role at, planning appeals, especially those involving a seriously harmful development or one which involves the setting of a harmful precedent. The Society is in constant contact with Camden Council in relation to planning, development, conservation and traffic issues. The Society also assists residents and others in opposing inappropriate licensing applications, typically for extended alcohol licences. The Society campaigns in support of local independent shops, and runs the Hampstead Card scheme for that purpose.

5. The Society appeared as a Rule 6 Party before a planning inspector in relation to an appeal by the developer seeking permission for the construction of two oversized townhouses on the very edge of Hampstead Heath at Jack Straw's Castle. The Society, in support of the local planning authority, gave expert and non-expert evidence at the appeal but the appeal was successful.

6. The Society continued to support new campaigns to prevent: 1) the demolition - with a view to the construction of high-rise luxury flats - of Queen Mary's House, a former maternity hospital on a large site on the edge of East Hampstead Heath, presently owned by the Royal Free Hospital; and 2) the attempted construction of five houses in the garden of 55 Fitzroy Park (legally designated as "private open space") by Millfield Lane on the Highgate side of the Heath.

7. The Society organised monthly educational walks on the Heath in the second half of 2021 and published three newsletters in 2021. The Society continued the scheme for the erection of commemorative plaques on Hampstead buildings

8. On 30 September 2021 the Society hosted the annual Springett Lecture (postponed from 2020) given by Dr Merlin Sheldrake at Rosslyn Hill Chapel. The lecture is funded by a legacy from the late Kate Springett, founder of the Marylebone Birdwatching Society. Dr Sheldrake spoke about his past and continuing work on fungi, the subject of his 2020 bestselling book "Entangled Life - How Fungi make our worlds, change our minds, and shape our future". The lecture was streamed live and was available online to Society members and members of local civic groups for a week afterwards.

On the 26 October Sir Simon Jenkins, who has been a Society Patron since 2004, gave the 2021 Glass-in-Hand Lecture to Society members and the public, again at Rosslyn Chapel Hill, topically entitled "Traumas in London's History". In 2019, Sir Simon had written a popular "Story History of London", which provided the background to his illustrated talk.

9. On the 11 November 2021 the Society hosted the launch of a new book entitled "The Heath - My Year on Hampstead Heath" by the renowned author Hunter Davies, a life member of the Society and local resident. Mr Davies donated his £10,000 publisher's advance for the book to the Society in recognition of its work. The Society has appointed Mr Davies an Honorary Member of the Society in recognition of his exceptional support for it.

10. To mark publicly the sesquicentenary of the Hampstead Heath Act of 1871, the Act of Parliament that saved the Heath for the nation in perpetuity, the Society hosted three special events in the summer of 2021: a free kite-flying display (with the Kite Society of Great Britain) on Parliament Hill (sometimes known as Kite Hill); a live, free public concert on the Heath, called the *Natural Aspect Concert* (in reference to the Society's first charitable object and the language of the 1871 Act); and an outdoor showing of the film *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy*, introduced by the Society's patron, Melvyn Bragg, speaking to John le Carre's son, Nicholas Harkaway. Le Carre lived in Hampstead and significant scenes in that film are set on the Heath.

The purpose of the events was to draw public attention to the significance of the anniversary of the Act and what it has achieved in its 150 years, to encourage more visitors to the Heath and to make all visitors aware of the Heath's importance as, arguably, London's greatest open space, and to educate them about the need for its continuing protection.

11. As part of the sesquicentenary celebrations the Society began a new project of a changing display of large information boards on the fringes of the Heath educating visitors, in a seasonal context, about the Heath's wildlife and biodiversity.

All such activities were for the public benefit. The charity does not have individual beneficiaries.

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Main achievements

Apart from the activities described above, the Society's main achievements for 2021 have been:

1. The continued influence on Camden Council in relation to the proper application of its basement construction and other planning policies.
2. The continuation of a photographic competition #myhampsteadheath which has attracted well over 4,000 entries. Winning entries have appeared in the local press. One purpose of the competition is to promote awareness of the Heath and its importance.
3. The obtaining of various tree preservation orders within Hampstead and successful enforcement action in relation to unlawful tree felling.
4. The continued improvement of the Society website, with related Twitter, Facebook and Instagram links for the Society, containing among other things, an interactive and educational map, accessible via an app, of Hampstead Heath.
5. The Society continued to work with the church authorities to restore the tomb of the artist Constable in the churchyard of St John-at-Hampstead.

Plans for the future

Once the legal restrictions imposed in connection with the Covid pandemic were removed, the Society was able to resume its full range of customary activities. The seasonal Heath biodiversity display board project begun in 2021 will be continued during 2022.

The Society, in view of their success and popularity, will also continue to host the Kite Display and Natural Aspect Concert (see above) in 2022.

The Society will seek to continue and expand the work of the Society in pursuance of its objects by increasing the Society's membership and its funding.

Reserves policy

The Society's policy on reserves is as follows: The Society maintains reserves to cover approximately one half-year's expected annual expenditure, together with funds to enable it to pursue its objects as described above. There are no funds in deficit.

Assets as custodian trustee

The Society holds no assets as custodian trustee apart from certain publications for sale or resale.

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Financial review

The trustees are satisfied with the financial performance of the Society in this year.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees do not foresee any significant risks to the Society or its operations, or any particular uncertainties facing it. At the end of 2021, the Society's membership stood at 2,015 (2,053 in 2020), of which 535 (526 in 2020) were life members. The slight decrease in the total number is not a trend and is attributable to annual members delaying the renewal of their membership in circumstances of the disruption of the Covid pandemic, the need for the Society to delay its planned local maildrop to attract new members, and the impossibility of erecting the traditional recruitment stalls at local fairs etc to recruit new members by face-to-face invitation. It is hoped these temporary causes will disappear in 2022.

The work of the Society could be adversely affected by new or changed government legislation or policies, at national or local level, but the Society is not presently aware of any such legislation or policies.

The Society only exceptionally enters into future financial commitments, with the result that it is always able to control its day-to-day expenditure to keep it, for practical purposes, within the Society's actual and anticipated income.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Summary of financial performance

The Society incurred a net surplus of £11,117 during the financial year 2021. The main reason for this surplus was the cancellation, during the first half of 2021, of all meetings and events for the Society's members, and a donation into unrestricted funds from a local author, Hunter Davies, of £10,000. There was a net income for the year of £13,667 in unrestricted funds, and net expenditure of £2,550 in restricted funds. Included within the net surplus was an unrestricted funds gain on the Society's investment of £550.

The increased gross expenditure is due to the Society returning to issuing three newsletters in 2021 (two newsletters only in 2020).

The Society receives its funds from membership subscriptions, donations, legacies, organised walk contributions, lectures, appeals, fund-raising social events, deposit interest, and income from its investments.

A portion of these funds is applied in meeting the administrative costs of the Society. The major part of the balance is spent on producing a newsletter three times a year containing articles about Hampstead and Hampstead Heath, and on legal and other professional fees incurred in connection with the Society's campaigning activities.

At the year end, the Society had net assets of £58,910. £34,280 are held in unrestricted funds, and £24,630 in restricted funds.

The Society prepares cash flow and budget projections annually. These indicate the Society can meet its liabilities for a period of not less than 12 months from the date of approval of these projections by the trustees of the Society.

The trustees of the Society monitor, on a regular basis, its liquid resources, cash flows and bank balances, and general administrative expenses. The Society's costs are tightly controlled.

Accounting policies and future outlook

The Society reviews its accounting policies annually. It is the view of the trustees of the Society that no changes to the current policies are needed. The trustees are not aware of any specific factors likely to affect the financial performance of the Society or its position going forward.

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view the trustees should follow best

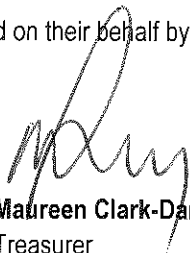
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP FRS 102,
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 15 March 2022 and signed on their behalf by:-



Marc Hutchinson
Chair



Maureen Clark-Darby
Treasurer

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set on pages 7 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

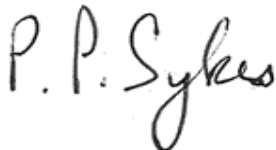
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of 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 seeking explanations from you as the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Philip Sykes
for and on behalf of Fisher Phillips LLP
Chartered Accountants
Summit House, 170 Finchley Road
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Dated 15 March 2022

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Income from:					
Subscriptions	6	-	26,861	26,861	28,371
Donations and legacies		5,038	17,656	22,694	33,842
Investment income and interest receivable	7	-	233	233	424
Total income		5,038	44,750	49,788	62,637
Expenditure on:					
<u>Charitable activities:</u>					
Town expenditure		(4,176)	(337)	(4,513)	(31,374)
Heath expenditure		-	(3,601)	(3,601)	(6,000)
Website and IT expenditure		-	(3,930)	(3,930)	(5,518)
Newsletter		-	(13,076)	(13,076)	(8,450)
Administration expenditure		-	(1,420)	(1,420)	(2,143)
Independent examination fee		-	(1,800)	(1,800)	(1,800)
Membership promotion		-	(4,890)	(4,890)	(276)
Charitable donations		-	(1,068)	(1,068)	(1,136)
Kate Springett Legacy	11	(2,689)	-	(2,689)	-
J P Walmsley Legacy	11	(723)	-	(723)	(1,732)
		(7,588)	(30,122)	(37,710)	(58,429)
Costs of generating funds	8	-	(1,511)	(1,511)	(60)
Total expenditure		(7,588)	(31,633)	(39,221)	(58,489)
Net income / (expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		(2,550)	13,117	10,567	4,148
Net gains / (losses) on investments		-	550	550	(864)
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		(2,550)	13,667	11,117	3,284
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(2,550)	13,667	11,117	3,284
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2021		27,180	20,613	47,793	44,509
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2021	11	24,630	34,280	58,910	47,793

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021		2020	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	2		4,668		4,118
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	3	531		531	
Cash at bank and in hand		103,081		113,262	
		<u>103,612</u>		<u>113,793</u>	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	4	(28,086)		(51,284)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>75,526</u>		<u>62,509</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>80,194</u>		<u>66,627</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after one year	5		(21,284)		(18,834)
			<u>58,910</u>		<u>47,793</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Restricted funds	11		24,630		27,180
Unrestricted funds	11		34,280		20,613
			<u>58,910</u>		<u>47,793</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 15 March 2022 and were signed on their behalf by:-



Marc Hutchinson
Chair



Maureen Clark-Darby
Treasurer

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102).

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

1.3 Income

Income resources comprise membership subscriptions, donations, legacies, organised walk contributions, appeals, fund-raising social events, deposit interest and income from its investments.

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

The Society receives life membership subscriptions. This income is spread over ten years from the year in which it is first received.

1.4 Donations of gifts, services and facilities

Donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

1.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

1.6 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered.

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific charitable activities and has been included in those cost categories.

Direct expenditure in respect of fund-raising and governance is shown separately.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

1.7 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds comprise general funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects. Restricted funds are funds which have been given for particular projects. These funds are represented by cash at bank.

1.8 Investments

Unlisted investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations throughout the year.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Creditors and provisions

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

1.12 Reserves

The Society maintains reserves to cover one half year's expected annual expenditure and funds to enable it to pursue its charitable objects.

1.13 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2. INVESTMENTS

Unlisted investments consist of units held in The Equities Investment Fund for Charities (Charifund).

Market valuation	£
At 1 January 2021	4,118
Net investment gain/(loss)	550
At 31 December 2021	<u>4,668</u>
Historical cost	<u>372</u>

3. DEBTORS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations	-	-
Other debtors	531	531
	<u>531</u>	<u>531</u>

4. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

Annual subscriptions paid in advance	3,425	870
Deferred life membership subscriptions	2,365	2,093
Accruals	22,296	48,321
	<u>28,086</u>	<u>51,284</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
5. CREDITORS: amounts falling due after one year		
Total deferred life membership subscriptions	23,649	20,927
Less: falling due within one year	(2,365)	(2,093)
	<u>21,284</u>	<u>18,834</u>
Deferred for between two and five years	9,460	8,372
Deferred for more than five years	11,824	10,462
	<u>21,284</u>	<u>18,834</u>
6. SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Members' subscriptions attributable to the current year	20,206	22,613
Gift Aid recoverable on current subscriptions	6,655	5,758
	<u>26,861</u>	<u>28,371</u>
7. INVESTMENT INCOME		
Dividends received from unlisted investments	223	150
Gross interest received from cash deposits	10	274
	<u>233</u>	<u>424</u>
8. COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS		
Convening and conducting the annual general meeting	1,511	60

9. STAFF COSTS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION
The Society does not employ staff and the trustees are not remunerated.

10. CONTROL
The charity is under the control of the trustees.

11. FUNDS

	At 31 Dec 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Investment gain/(loss)	At 31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£		£
Restricted reserves:					
a. Kate Springett Legacy	26,457	862	(2,689)	-	24,630
b. J P Walmsley Legacy	723	-	(723)	-	-
c. Abacus School	-	4,176	(4,176)	-	-
	<u>27,180</u>	<u>5,038</u>	<u>(7,588)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,630</u>
Unrestricted reserves	20,613	44,750	(31,633)	550	34,280
	<u>47,793</u>	<u>49,788</u>	<u>(39,221)</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>58,910</u>

a. Kate Springett Legacy

This reserve is for the protection and preservation of wild bird life on Hampstead Heath.

b. J P Walmsley Legacy

This reserve was originally for the commissioning and public displaying of the reproduction of a Hampstead-related piece of art and subsequently for the production and erection of the Society's historical Hampstead plaques. This reserve is now exhausted.

c. Abacus School

This reserve was to fund the legal and expert witness fees and costs of the Society in appearing before a planning inspector's inquiry into a planning application to convert the former Hampstead Police Station to a school.

Restricted funds are represented by cash at bank.

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year there were no transactions with any trustee of the charity.

THE HEATH AND HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 261782

Accounts



The Heath & Hampstead Society

Registered Charity No: 261782

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2020

FISHER PHILLIPS LLP
Chartered Accountants

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The trustees (during the year ended 31 December 2020 and thereafter, until the date of approval of these financial statements)

Lord Hoffmann
M Humphery
M Hutchinson
M Clark-Darby
E Ellis
J Beyer
D Castle
L Austin (Appointed 21 January 2020)
T Ghilchik
F Harding
V Harding
A Haslam-Jones
J Learmond-Criqui
R Linger
D James-Williams (Appointed 21 January 2020)
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J Weston

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THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

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THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements of the Society for the year ended 31 December 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 9 - 11 and comply with applicable law.

Constitution and governance

The Society is an unincorporated association constituted under its governing document, the Society's constitution, adopted on 19 June 2012. The Society's sub-committees are regulated by a series of bye-laws. All significant decisions affecting the Society are taken by the General Committee, which meets every two months.

Trustees (the members of the Society's General Committee) are mostly elected. Some are elected for three-year terms at the annual general meeting in June. The officers (President, Vice-Presidents, Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) are elected annually at the annual general meeting. The three Vice-Chairs (the chairs of the Society's three permanent sub-committees) and the Society's representative on the statutory City of London Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee are appointed by the trustees. The trustees occasionally appoint other persons as trustees to fill temporary vacancies on the General Committee. The maximum permitted number of trustees is 20. New trustees are given the current Charity Commission guidance on trusteeship and have a discussion about their duties with the Society's Chair (a solicitor). Most of the trustees are or have been trustees of other charities.

Because of the Covid pandemic it has not been possible to hold the 2020 annual general meeting in 2020 or even, on a delayed basis, in the Spring of 2021. The Society's constitution does not currently permit the holding of virtual meetings. Accordingly the 2020 meeting will be combined with the 2021 annual general meeting planned to be held in June 2021.

The trustees named under Legal and Administrative Information have served as detailed.

The Society does not employ staff and none of its trustees or sub-committee members is remunerated. All the charitable work of the Society is performed by volunteers.

Charitable objects

The objects of the Society are;

1. To preserve those parts of Hampstead Heath which are subject to s.16 of the Hampstead Heath Act 1871 in their wild and natural state, and also to preserve the natural and characteristic features of the other parts of the Heath, so far as is consistent with their enjoyment by the public;
2. To promote and maintain the amenities and characteristics of the environs of the Heath, and of the buildings and streets of Hampstead;
3. To promote public interest in the study of natural history, conservation and the history of the areas referred to in 1 and 2 above.

Main activities

The main activities of the Society in relation to its objects (by reference to the numbered objects) have been as follows:

1. The Society made regular representations to the City of London Corporation in several forums concerning the conservation and management of the Heath: the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee and the Hampstead Heath Sports Forum. The Society's Heath Sub-Committee undertook inspection walks of different parts of the Heath, accompanied by Heath staff, to monitor the conservation of the Heath. The number of walks was limited in 2020 by reason of the Covid pandemic rules on gatherings. The Society is also represented on the Hampstead Heath Management Committee, the statutory body which manages the Heath on behalf of the City.
2. The Society continued to participate in the preparation of various draft policies to be promulgated under the City of London Corporation (Open Spaces) Act 2018, a private Act for the better regulation of the City's open spaces, including Hampstead Heath. Participation included meetings with the City and stakeholders for discussion on policy and actual drafting. The Society continued to work with the City to identify the existing preferred nesting areas of Heath birds and to formulate a strategy for rubbish recycling, and the huge increase in visitor numbers following the start of the Covid pandemic. Since March 2020, the Chair and members of the Heath Sub-Committee have met, for approximately one hour, online and fortnightly with the Superintendent of the Heath to monitor and discuss all management issues affecting the Heath during the pandemic.
3. The Society has continued to support Camden Council in relation to ongoing and successful enforcement action over the erection of new buildings at the South Fairground Site (MOL) at the Vale of Heath.

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Main activities (continued)

4. The Society reviews and comments to Camden Council on most planning applications in Hampstead and on the fringes of the Heath. The Society opposes inappropriate development (typically new basements) and contributes financially to, and in an advisory or expert role at, planning appeals, especially those involving a seriously harmful development or one which involves the setting of a harmful precedent. The Society is in constant contact with Camden Council in relation to planning, development, conservation and traffic issues. The Society also assists residents and others in opposing inappropriate licensing applications, typically for extended alcohol licences. The Society campaigns in support of local independent shops, and runs the Hampstead Card scheme for that purpose. The Society successfully supported the Hampstead Committee for Responsible Development, which appeared as a Rule 6 party in support of Camden Council, in the appeal inquiry before a planning inspector who ruled in favour of Camden Council to prevent the conversion of the local Grade 2 listed former police station of Hampstead into a new primary school for children resident outside Hampstead because of the confirmed and seriously adverse impact of that project on the environment and amenity of the locality and the damage to the building.

5. In 2019 the Society successfully opposed the construction of two oversized townhouses on the very edge of Hampstead Heath at Jack Straw's Castle. The planning application was withdrawn, but a new application was made. The Society successfully opposed this new application in 2020 but the developer has now appealed to a planning inspector.

6. The Society continued to support new campaigns to prevent: 1) the demolition - with a view to the construction of high-rise luxury flats - of Queen Mary's House, a former maternity hospital on a large site on the edge of East Hampstead Heath, presently owned by the Royal Free Hospital; and 2) the attempted construction of five houses in the garden of 55 Fitzroy Park (legally designated as "private open space") by Millfield Lane on the Highgate side of the Heath.

7. The Society organised educational walks on the Heath in early 2020 (before the Covid pandemic) and published a newsletter twice in 2020. The Society was unable to organise the customary local talks, exhibitions and lectures about the Heath and Hampstead but was able to continue the scheme for the erection of commemorative plaques on Hampstead buildings.

All such activities were for the public benefit. The charity does not have individual beneficiaries.

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Main achievements

Apart from the activities described above, the Society's main achievements for 2020 have been:

1. The continued influence on Camden Council in relation to the proper application of its basement construction and other planning policies.
2. The continuation of a photographic competition #myhampsteadheath which has attracted well over 2,000 entries. Winning entries have appeared in the local press. One purpose of the competition is to promote awareness of the Heath and its importance.
3. The obtaining of various tree preservation orders within Hampstead and successful enforcement action in relation to unlawful tree felling.
4. The continued improvement of the Society website, with related Twitter, Facebook and Instagram links for the Society, containing among other things, an interactive and educational map, accessible via an app, of Hampstead Heath.
5. The continued work with the church authorities to restore the tomb of the artist Constable in the churchyard of St John-at-Hampstead.

Plans for the future

Once the legal restrictions imposed in connection with the Covid pandemic are removed, the Society intends to resume its full range of customary activities, including a new project of a changing display of large information boards on the fringes of the Heath educating visitors, in a seasonal context, about the Heath's wildlife. The project is to commemorate, in 2021, the sesquicentenary of the passing of the Hampstead Heath Act of 1871. The Society intends to participate in the planning appeal hearing relating to the proposed townhouses at Jack Straw's Castle (see above).

The Society will seek to continue and expand the work of the Society in pursuance of its objects by increasing the Society's membership and its funding.

The Society has appointed a new trustee to lead the Society's planned educational projects in local schools. These projects can commence only after the legal restrictions referred to above have been removed.

Reserves policy

The Society's policy on reserves is as follows: The Society maintains reserves to cover approximately one half-year's expected annual expenditure, together with funds to enable it to pursue its objects as described above. There are no funds in deficit.

Assets as custodian trustee

The Society holds no assets as custodian trustee apart from certain publications for sale or resale.

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Financial review

The trustees are satisfied with the financial performance of the Society in this year.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The trustees do not foresee any significant risks to the Society or its operations, or any particular uncertainties facing it. At the end of 2020, the Society's membership stood at 2,053 (2,104 in 2019), of which 526 (515 in 2019) were life members. The slight decrease in the total number is not a trend and is attributable to annual members delaying the renewal of their membership in circumstances of the disruption of the Covid pandemic, the need for the Society to delay its planned local maildrop to attract new members, and the impossibility of erecting the traditional recruitment stalls at local fairs etc to recruit new members by face-to-face invitation. It is hoped these temporary causes will disappear in 2021.

The work of the Society could be adversely affected by new or changed government legislation or policies, at national or local level, but the Society is not presently aware of any such legislation or policies.

The Society only exceptionally enters into future financial commitments, with the result that it is always able to control its day-to-day expenditure to keep it, for practical purposes, within the Society's actual and anticipated income.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Summary of financial performance

The Society incurred a net surplus of £3,284 during the financial year 2020. The main reasons for this surplus were the publication of only two (rather than three) newsletters, and the cancellation or postponement of all meetings of the Society's members. There was a net income for the year of £4,927 in unrestricted funds, and net expenditure of £1,643 in restricted funds. Included within the net surplus was an unrestricted funds loss on the Society's investments of £864.

The increased gross expenditure in relation to Hampstead Town at £31,374 (£5,780 in 2019) relates to the funding of professional fees to counsel and expert witnesses appearing at the planning inquiry on the conversion of the former Hampstead police station to a school (see Main activities - item 4 above). Donations from members and others were received into a restricted fund for this specific purpose to which the Society contributed £3,000 of its own funds.

The Society receives its funds from membership subscriptions, donations, legacies, organised walk contributions, lectures, appeals, fund-raising social events, deposit interest, and income from its investments.

A portion of these funds is applied in meeting the administrative costs of the Society. The major part of the balance is spent on producing a newsletter (twice this year) containing articles about Hampstead and Hampstead Heath, and on legal and other professional fees incurred in connection with the Society's campaigning activities.

At the year end, the Society had net assets of £47,793. £20,613 are held in unrestricted funds, and £27,180 in restricted funds.

The Society prepares cash flow and budget projections annually. These indicate that the Society can meet its liabilities for a period of not less than 12 months from the date of approval of these projections by the trustees of the Society.

The trustees of the Society monitor, on a regular basis, its liquid resources, cash flows and bank balances, and general administrative expenses. The Society's costs are tightly controlled.

Accounting policies and future outlook

The Society reviews its accounting policies annually. It is the view of the trustees of the Society that no changes to the current policies are needed. The trustees are not aware of any specific factors likely to affect the financial performance of the Society or its position going forward.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

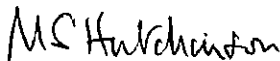
The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view the trustees should follow best practice and:

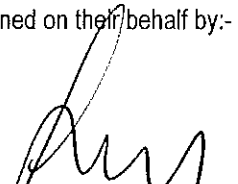
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP FRS 102,
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and which enable them to ascertain that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the charity's constitution. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 17th March 2021 and signed on their behalf by:-



Marc Hutchinson
Chair



Maureen Clark-Darby
Treasurer

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set on pages 7 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act)
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

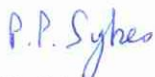
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of 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 seeking explanations from you as the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Philip Sykes

for and on behalf of Fisher Phillips LLP

Chartered Accountants

Summit House, 170 Finchley Road

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Dated 17th March 2021

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Income from:					
Subscriptions	6	-	28,371	28,371	26,325
Donations and legacies		28,374	5,468	33,842	54,077
Investment income and interest receivable	7	89	335	424	757
Total income		28,463	34,174	62,637	81,159
Expenditure on:					
<u>Charitable activities:</u>					
Town expenditure		(31,374)	-	(31,374)	(5,780)
Heath expenditure		-	(6,000)	(6,000)	(67,472)
Planning expenditure		-	-	-	(113)
Website and IT expenditure		-	(5,518)	(5,518)	(1,827)
Newsletter		-	(8,450)	(8,450)	(11,308)
Administration expenditure		-	(2,143)	(2,143)	(2,349)
Independent examination fee		-	(1,800)	(1,800)	(1,800)
Membership promotion		-	(276)	(276)	(5,897)
Charitable donations		-	(1,136)	(1,136)	(1,581)
Kate Springett Legacy	11	-	-	-	(1,585)
J P Walmsley Legacy	11	(1,732)	-	(1,732)	(1,368)
		(33,106)	(25,323)	(58,429)	(101,080)
Costs of generating funds	8	-	(60)	(60)	(1,568)
Total expenditure		(33,106)	(25,383)	(58,489)	(102,648)
Net income / (expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses		(4,643)	8,791	4,148	(21,489)
Net gains / (losses) on investments		-	(864)	(864)	710
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		(4,643)	7,927	3,284	(20,779)
Transfer between funds		3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(1,643)	4,927	3,284	(20,779)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward at 1 January 2020		28,823	15,686	44,509	65,288
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2020	11	27,180	20,613	47,793	44,509

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

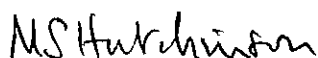
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BALANCE SHEET

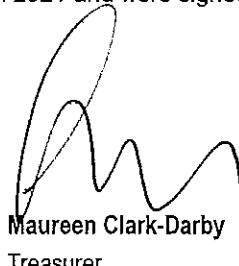
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	2020		2019	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	2		4,118		4,982
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	3	531		42,588	
Cash at bank and in hand		113,262		102,861	
		<u>113,793</u>		<u>145,449</u>	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	4	(51,284)		(86,342)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>62,509</u>		<u>59,107</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
			66,627		64,089
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after one year	5		(18,834)		(19,580)
			<u>47,793</u>		<u>44,509</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Restricted funds	11		27,180		28,823
Unrestricted funds	11		20,613		15,686
			<u>47,793</u>		<u>44,509</u>

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 17th March 2021 and were signed on their behalf by:-



Marc Hutchinson
Chair



Maureen Clark-Darby
Treasurer

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102 - effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP FRS 102).

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

1.2 Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

1.3 Income

Income comprises membership subscriptions, donations, legacies, organised walk contributions, appeals, fund-raising social events, deposit interest and income from its investments.

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, and it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executors to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executors' intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

The Society receives life membership subscriptions. This income is spread over ten years from the year in which it is first received.

1.4 Donations of gifts, services and facilities

Donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item or received the service, any conditions associated with the donation have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), volunteer time is not recognised.

On receipt, donated gifts, professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

1.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

1.6 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the statement of financial activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered.

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific charitable activities and has been included in those cost categories.

Direct expenditure in respect of fund-raising and governance is shown separately.

THE HEATH & HAMPSTEAD SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

1.7 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds comprise general funds which the trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects. Restricted funds are funds which have been given for particular projects. These funds are represented by cash at bank.

1.8 Investments

Unlisted investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations throughout the year.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

1.11 Creditors and provisions

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

1.12 Reserves

The Society maintains reserves to cover one half year's expected annual expenditure and funds to enable it to pursue its charitable objects.

1.13 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2. INVESTMENTS

Unlisted investments consist of units held in The Equities Investment Fund for Charities (Charifund).

	£
Market valuation	
At 1 January 2020	4,982
Net investment gain/(loss)	(864)
At 31 December 2020	<u>4,118</u>
Historical cost	<u>372</u>

3. DEBTORS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Donations	-	42,288
Other debtors	531	300
	<u>531</u>	<u>42,588</u>

4. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

Annual subscriptions paid in advance	870	5,285
Deferred life membership subscriptions	2,093	2,176
Accruals	48,321	78,881
	<u>51,284</u>	<u>86,342</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
5. CREDITORS: amounts falling due after one year		
Total deferred life membership subscriptions	20,927	21,756
Less falling due within one year	<u>(2,093)</u>	<u>(2,176)</u>
	<u>18,834</u>	<u>19,580</u>
Deferred for between two and five years	8,372	8,704
Deferred for more than five years	<u>10,462</u>	<u>10,876</u>
	<u>18,834</u>	<u>19,580</u>
6. SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Members' subscriptions attributable to the current year	22,613	20,860
Gift Aid recoverable on current subscriptions	<u>5,758</u>	<u>5,375</u>
	<u>28,371</u>	<u>26,235</u>
7. INVESTMENT INCOME		
Dividends received from unlisted investments	150	249
Gross interest received from cash deposits	<u>274</u>	<u>508</u>
	<u>424</u>	<u>410</u>
8. COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS		
Convening and conducting the annual general meeting	<u>60</u>	<u>1,568</u>

9. STAFF COSTS AND TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION
The Society does not employ staff and the trustees are not remunerated.

10. CONTROL
The charity is under the control of the trustees.

11. FUNDS

	At 31 Dec 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfer between funds	Investment gain/(loss)	At 31 Dec 2020
	£	£	£	£		£
Restricted reserves:						
a. Kate Springett Legacy	26,368	89	-	-	-	26,457
b. J P Walmsley Legacy	2,455	-	(1,732)	-	-	723
c. Abacus School	-	28,374	(31,374)	3,000	-	-
	<u>28,823</u>	<u>28,463</u>	<u>(33,106)</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,180</u>
Unrestricted reserves	<u>15,686</u>	<u>34,174</u>	<u>(25,383)</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>	<u>(864)</u>	<u>20,613</u>
	<u>44,509</u>	<u>62,637</u>	<u>(58,489)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(864)</u>	<u>47,793</u>

a. Kate Springett Legacy

This reserve is for the protection and preservation of wild bird life on Hampstead Heath.

b. J P Walmsley Legacy

This reserve was originally for the commissioning and public displaying of the reproduction of a Hampstead-related piece of art and is now for the production and erection of the Society's historical Hampstead plaques.

c. Abacus School

Campaign by the Society against a planning application to convert the former Hampstead Police Station to a school.

Restricted funds are represented by cash at bank.

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year there were no transactions with any trustee of the charity.