

THE KENSINGTON SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 267778

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1974-07-17

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PRESERVE AND IMPROVE THE AMENITIES OF KENSINGTON FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY STIMULATING INTEREST IN ITS HISTORY AND RECORDS, PROMOTING GOOD ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING IN ITS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND BY PROTECTING, PRESERVING AND IMPROVING ITS BUILDINGS, OPEN SPACES AND OTHER FEATURES OF BEAUTY OR HISTORIC OR PUBLIC INTEREST.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** KENSINGTON
- Kensington And Chelsea

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£30,136	£26,258	-	-
2024-12-31	£33,833	£32,668	-	-
2023-12-31	£53,863	£60,414	-	-
2022-12-31	£31,063	£36,025	-	-
2021-12-31	£20,432	£23,939	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
AMANDA WHITAKER FRAME	Chair	2003-04-02
BARRY MUNDAY		2021-06-07
HENRY PETERSON OBE		2012-05-04
JAMES FAIRRIE		2024-07-11
MICHAEL ERNEST BACH		1975-05-20
Martin Frame CA		2011-05-23
Peter Arnold Mishcon		2019-04-29
Shayan Keyhan-Rad		2023-10-29
Sophia Jane Lambert CB		2014-04-28
Thomas Blomberg		2015-04-28
VANESSA BARTULOVIC		2020-08-08

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Accounts

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Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 December 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Constitution and objects

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Martin Frame, treasurer and membership secretary
Michael Bach, chairman of the planning committee
Henry Peterson OBE, planning committee
Sophia Lambert CB, planning committee
Thomas Blomberg, planning committee, website and newsletter
Vanessa Bartulovic, planning committee
Barry Munday, planning committee
Shayan Keyhan-Rad, planning committee
James Fairrie, planning committee
Peter Mischcon

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Chairman's review of the year's activities and achievements

The Kensington Society has now been in existence for 73 years. We have worked hard to as our objects say, "to preserve and improve the amenities of Kensington...promoting good architecture and planning in its future development and by protecting, preserving and improving its buildings, open spaces and other features of beauty or historic or public interest". A week does not go by without one of us, the trustees, meeting with local residents, meetings with the council and/or councillors, reviewing and commenting on the ever-growing number of consultations.

Government planning process

The government's demand for more housing is driving us in some dangerous directions. The ministers have decided that the reason we have a housing crisis is the councils' planning system is too slow. No one seems able to understand the economics of housing delivery. To think two million homes can be built in five years by streamlining and removing the democratic process, demonstrates how our government is dangerous and naïve.

In looking back, one of the reasons the Society was formed was the encouragement presented within the Town and Country Planning Act 1968. The Act introduced by a Labour government, required planning authorities to publicise development plans and consider public opinion. Before the Act, decisions were dominated by professionals with little transparency, public participation in planning was minimal, optional, and seen as largely symbolic.

With the Act 1968, participation became formalised, structured, and expected with planning authorities required to publicise development plans and consider the public. It created statutory duties. Over the following decades, public participation became a core democratic principle of UK planning.

We now have a major redirection in the way in which planning decisions will be made and how the public will participate. Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025 became law on 18 December 2025. It is explicitly designed as the government claims to "slash delays and costs" and speed up planning. The legislation restructures local planning decision making, increases delegated powers to officers, and limitation on what can go to planning committees. Public participation is likely to become more structured and less powerful, with housing and infrastructure prioritised and fewer opportunities for community challenge.

Future actions

We, the trustees, were regularly active and continue to be so, by both responding to the consultations, commenting, and expressing our concerns over the loss of public participation in the running of our Borough. We cannot stop the Bill. However, we influence and shape how it is implemented within RBKC. There are actions we can and are taking. We have, and will continue to:

- Respond to formal consultations.
- Lobby our MPs and ministers.
- Coordinate with our Affiliated Member Societies.
- Participate in campaigns and cross borough alliances.
- Write to the Local Government Association (LGA); and
- Public campaigns and cross borough alliances

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

We shall:

- Challenge secondary regulations.
- Using planning policy levers (Local Plans) to retain influence; and
- Working within delegation rules to preserve committee oversight where possible.

2025/2026

Every year I say we have been busy. This year will be an understatement. The planning report excellently compiled by Michael Bach tells what the Society's planning committee has been up to with the multiple faceted planning activities from two of the largest development applications to the massive changes noted above by the new government.

South Kensington Station

Just this month the Society celebrated the success of TfL finally succumbing to reality and announcing the much-needed improvements to the South Kensington station. TfL had tried try to develop the large area surrounding the station without the safety needs of over 30 million passengers that go through the station in a year.

We, the trustees, cannot emphasise how important this win is and how difficult it was to achieve. However, it shows again, where there is a will, there is a way.

Earl's Court and Kensal Canalside approved

The two enormous developments, Earl's Court and Kensal Canalside, the largest this Borough has ever faced, will dominate the landscape. With the pressure from government for more housing, planning permissions for both were inevitable. There are deep flaws in the design, the density is excessive and lack of open space. The saddest is to contrast the opportunities lost to the global examples where landscape and city life are integrated beautifully. When you see the celebration of cities such as Singapore with 74-hectare botanical gardens in the heart of the city or their Gardens by the Bay with the trees or even New York who turned a once abandoned elevated rail line into a 1.45-mile linear park. Or closer to home, the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park now a vibrant urban district with wetlands, art, and sport facilities. All have shown us landscapes can be reintegrated into daily urban life. We shall be pressing for Conditions which require the planting to be as presented in the PR applications.

'Affordable' housing too expensive

Land value has continued to increase. Material and building costs along with the requirements for higher energy savings means costs are rocketing, as a result requirements to meet the calculation of what is "affordable housing" has reached the stage where without further government support, occupation rates are decreasing. One major housing association has pulled out of their commitment in a development in Acton. The Odeon developer has not been able to secure an agreement with any housing association. This is with planning obligations continue at 35% affordable housing.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

NPPF

The proposed planning-decision changes centre on a major rewrite of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), published in December 2025. The reforms shift power away from local councils and toward national rules, reduce the influence of local plans. The reforms restrict local policies, remove supplementary planning documents (SPDs) and, most fear, resist our local specific design, heritage, and conservation guidance. There will be a stronger presumption in favour of development, particularly housing. RBKC currently has a new Local Plan which will hopefully give us some protection but there will be less discretion to apply our local distinction and risks losing the strength of its own policies.

The Kensington Society

Hopefully the above will reassure you that the Kensington Society is here for you and for us all. We do need more support and do ask that you encourage others, your neighbours, and friends, to join us. We are planning a garden party for the summer and let us all come together and celebrate what makes Kensington great.

Financial review

The Society thanks all the members who have generously subscribed £10,515, donations and legacies of £2,892 which qualified for Gift Aid of £2,670.28.

The total income for the year was £30,135.80, a decrease of £3,697.42.

The cost of administration is allocated on a time basis to the various charitable activities.

The total expenditure was £26,258.43, a decrease of £6,735.34.

The balance sheet has unrestricted funds of £66,720.26, an increase of £3,877.37. These funds are necessary to secure the future of the Society. Improving funds through subscriptions, donations and legacies is welcomed.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the accounts of The Kensington Society for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on pages 7 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Act, but that an independent examination is needed under section 145(1)(a).

It is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 145(1)(a) of the 2011 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

The examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning 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

No matter has come to my attention:

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



Aaron Smyth ACA
For and on behalf of Throsby Limited

23 March 2026

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

Income	2025	2024
Donations and legacies	£	£
Membership subscriptions	10,515.00	11,015.00
Donations and legacies	2,892.00	1,557.00
Gift Aid	2,670.28	2,923.38
Total donations and legacies	<u>16,077.28</u>	<u>15,495.38</u>
Charitable activities		
Events	1,524.00	4,650.00
Annual report advertising	10,850.00	12,350.00
Total charitable activities income	<u>12,374.00</u>	<u>17,000.00</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest	<u>1,684.52</u>	<u>1,337.84</u>
Total income	<u>30,135.80</u>	<u>33,833.22</u>
Expenditure		
Charitable activities		
Newsletter	2,203.84	3,462.32
Events	4,500.06	6,108.66
Annual report	13,607.30	15,914.00
Planning	3,796.35	5,445.27
Membership	943.80	856.44
Charitable subscriptions	205.00	205.00
Total charitable activities expense	<u>25,256.35</u>	<u>31,991.69</u>
Other		
Insurance	102.08	96.00
Examiner	900.00	580.00
Total other expense	<u>1,002.08</u>	<u>676.00</u>
Total expenditure	<u>26,258.43</u>	<u>32,667.69</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	3,877.37	1,165.53
Total unrestricted funds brought forward	<u>62,842.89</u>	<u>61,677.36</u>
Total unrestricted funds carried forward	<u>66,720.26</u>	<u>62,842.89</u>

There is no material difference between the net income/(expenditure) above and the historical cost equivalent. All activities are continuing. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included in the statement of financial activities (SoFA).

The notes on pages 9 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Current assets		
Debtors		
Accrued income and prepayments		
Interest receivable	129.94	137.84
Prepayments	0.00	64.00
	<u>129.94</u>	<u>201.84</u>
Cash at bank and in hand		
Nationwide Building Society	60,000.00	60,000.00
Barclays Bank	9,003.95	7,568.43
PayPal	3,975.32	1,670.62
	<u>72,979.27</u>	<u>69,239.05</u>
	<u>73,109.21</u>	<u>69,440.89</u>
Total current assets		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Deferred income		
Subscriptions and donations	2,312.00	1,887.00
Creditors and accruals		
Creditors	2,378.79	3,262.84
City Living Local Life - Norland	798.16	798.16
Accruals	900.00	650.00
	<u>6,388.95</u>	<u>6,598.00</u>
	<u>66,720.26</u>	<u>62,842.89</u>
Total net assets		
Funds of the charity		
Unrestricted funds	<u>66,720.26</u>	<u>62,842.89</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 8 were approved by the Trustees on 18 March 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

MSC Frame

Mr Martin Frame
Treasurer
Charity No. 267778

18 March 2026

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

NOTES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Charity registered address and number

The Kensington Society's charity number is 267778 and is registered at Westwoods, Marlborough SN8 4DY.

(a) Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 – 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ('FRS 102') and with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' SORP FRS 102 (effective 1 January 2019), together with the reporting requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (Amended 2026).

(b) Income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- The charity becomes entitled to the income.
- The trustees are certain they will receive the income; and
- The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

(c) Donations

Donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.

(d) Tax reclaims on gifts and donations

Incoming income from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA to the extent that claims have been made.

(e) Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the financial activities.

(f) Investment income

This is included in the financial activities when receivable.

(g) Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to expenditure.

(h) Debtors

Debtors do not carry any interest and are stated at their nominal value. Appropriate allowances for estimated irrecoverable amounts are recognised in the SoFA when there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

NOTES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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(i) **Cash at bank and in hand**

These comprise cash at bank and other short-term highly liquid bank deposits with an original maturity of three months or less.

(j) **Public benefit statement**

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

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The Kensington Society

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Chairman's review of the year's activities and achievements

2024 was an eventful year for all of us, not least for the Kensington Society. The Society's trustees have been extremely active, as the excellent planning committee report within the annual outlines. The changes in government have created challenging debates.

Having participated throughout the process since 2020, following the June/July 2023 Examination in Public with the planning inspector, the Secretary of State approved the new RBKC Local Plan on 24 July 2024. It was a long haul but worth it. The inspector adjusted some fine points in the plan and we and the planners are pleased with the result.

We have participated in multiple consultations from RBKC including Night Time Economy, revitalising Earl's Court Road, Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) – Nuisance Vehicles 2024, Clear Streets, Time-banded Commercial Waste Collections, and Double-glazed Windows for Listed Buildings in specific areas. The highly contentious one with TfL being the consultation over the controversial proposal for the cycle route through Holland Park roundabout. In addition, we have commented on the proposed revision of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which was published before Christmas. A highly active year with constant support and attention by the trustees, particularly the planning committee.

Our president's report draws attention to the continuous process that new governments go through with promises of transformation which seldom succeed in fully implementing the reforms. That does not mean we should not look for improvements or even variations which reflect the changes in the need for additional housing, or as often today, with increasing concern about the environment, or as we have seen with the Grenfell tragedy, design and construction methods. It is evident that promises made on the election trail are harder to implement than politicians anticipate in opposition. Even the obvious, such as responding to Grenfell is taking too long.

In her first budget speech on 30 October 2024 as the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rachel Reeves stated that the planning system was "antiquated" and "as a graveyard of economic ambition". This follows from the Labour manifesto which said that "the current planning regime acts as a major brake on economic growth".

We disagree faulting the planning regime. We can agree that the process takes too long especially for large developments to come to fruition. There is no magic wand to wave for developments as large as Earl's Court and Kensal Canalside to be completed. The Earl's Court redevelopment has been going on for nearly 15 years first with Capco and now with Delancy.

The Kensal Canalside Opportunity Area was also first designated in 2011, when there was the aspiration to build a new Crossrail station to overcome its poor accessibility. This has not materialised. The visions for both sites have changed throughout the years and even if the current applications were to be approved this year it would be a decade and more before the developments will be completed.

To blame the planning system for delaying economic growth is not realistic. To blame planning committees for holding up approvals shows a misunderstanding of the system. There are now proposals afoot to restrict the role of elected councillors in decision-making and to allow planning officers to approve or disapprove applications. What is not understood is the importance of checks and balances in the process.

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Hopefully both the long-standing 1947 Town & Country Planning Act's requirement to obtain planning permission to develop and 1968 Town & Country Planning Act that required public participation, will continue to be respected. There will be an outcry not least by this society if it is proposed to limit public participation.

Somewhat unexpectedly the stalled expansion of Heathrow airport for a third runway has re-emerged. The Chancellor is using the economy as an excuse to restart the process, while the Mayor of London is opposed to expanding London's airports on environmental grounds.

We have a busy and particularly challenging year ahead. As our objects state, we shall continue to promote good architecture and development in Kensington by protecting, preserving and improving its buildings, open spaces and other features of beauty and historic interest.

Financial review

The Society thanks all the members who have generously subscribed £11,015, donations and legacies of £1,557 which qualified for Gift Aid of £2,923.

The total income for the year was £33,833, a decrease of £20,029.

The cost of administration is allocated on a time basis to the various charitable activities.

The total expenditure was £32,667, a decrease of £27,746.

The balance sheet has unrestricted funds of £62,842, an increase of £1,165. These funds are necessary to secure the future of the Society. Improving funds through subscriptions, donations and legacies is welcomed.

Statement of financial activities for the year to 31 December 2024

Income	2024	2023
Donations and legacies	£	£
Membership subscriptions	11,015.00	11,005.00
Donations and legacies	1,557.00	10,963.67
Gift Aid	2,923.38	4,810.92
Total donations and legacies	<u>15,495.38</u>	<u>26,779.59</u>
Charitable activities		
Events	4,650.00	14,176.21
Annual report advertising	12,350.00	11,700.00
Total charitable activities income	<u>17,000.00</u>	<u>25,876.21</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest	<u>1,337.84</u>	<u>1,206.95</u>
Total income	<u>33,833.22</u>	<u>53,862.75</u>
Expenditure		
Charitable activities		
Newsletter	3,462.32	3,330.10
Events	6,108.66	20,412.21
Annual report	15,914.00	11,040.35
Planning	5,445.27	23,443.72
Membership	856.44	1,111.80
Charitable subscriptions	205.00	200.00
Total charitable activities expense	<u>31,991.69</u>	<u>59,538.18</u>
Other		
Insurance	96.00	96.00
Examiner	580.00	780.00
Total other expense	<u>676.00</u>	<u>876.00</u>
Total expenditure	<u>32,667.69</u>	<u>60,414.18</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>1,165.53</u>	<u>(6,551.43)</u>
Total unrestricted funds brought forward	<u>61,677.36</u>	<u>68,228.79</u>
Total unrestricted funds carried forward	<u>62,842.89</u>	<u>61,677.36</u>

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2023

	2024	2023
	£	£
Current assets		
Debtors		
Accrued income and prepayments		
Interest	137.84	133.61
Insurance	64.00	64.00
Total accrued income and prepayments	<u>201.84</u>	<u>197.61</u>
Cash at bank and in hand		
Nationwide Building Society	60,000.00	40,000.00
Barclays Bank	7,568.43	26,778.04
PayPal	1,670.62	1,437.14
Total cash at bank and in hand	<u>69,239.05</u>	<u>68,215.18</u>
Total current assets	<u>69,440.89</u>	<u>68,412.79</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Deferred income		
Subscriptions and donations	1,887.00	1,220.00
Creditors and accruals		
Creditors	3,262.84	3,797.27
City Living Local Life - Norland	798.16	998.16
Accruals	650.00	720.00
Total deferred income and accruals	<u>6,598.00</u>	<u>6,735.43</u>
Total net assets	<u>62,842.89</u>	<u>61,677.36</u>
Funds of the charity		
Unrestricted funds	<u>62,842.89</u>	<u>61,677.36</u>

Approved by the Trustees 23 January 2025

Signed: Martin Frame, Chartered Accountant

Treasurer and Membership Secretary, The Kensington Society

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

- **Charity registered address and number**
The Kensington Society's charity number is 267778 and is registered at Westwoods, Marlborough SN8 4DY.
- **Accounting policies**
These accounts have been prepared based under the historical cost convention in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102).

Income

- **Recognition of incoming income**
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 - The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
- **Donations**
Donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
- **Tax reclaims on gifts and donations**
Incoming income from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA to the extent that claims have been made.
- **Volunteer help**
The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the financial activities.
- **Investment income**
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Expenditure and liabilities

- **Liability recognition**
Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to expenditure.

Financial instruments

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Debtors do not carry any interest and are stated at their nominal value. Appropriate allowances for estimated irrecoverable amounts are recognised in the SoFA when there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired.

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These comprise cash at bank and other short-term highly liquid bank deposits with an original maturity of three months or less.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As the charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, based on procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, whether matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was conducted in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed: *A. Ktistakis*

Date: *9 April 2025*

Angela Ktistakis ACA FCCA
GMAK Chartered Accountants
517 Vernon Yard London W11 2DX

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Peter Mischcon
Barry Munday, member of planning committee
Steve Mertz
Henry Peterson OBE, member of planning committee
Shayan Keyhan-Rad, member of planning committee (Appointed 29 October 2023)

Review of the year's activities and achievements

I moved to Kensington in 1987, to Portland Road, two houses from the Portland Arms. The Arms was a bit of a rough pub catering to the non-Julie's crowd. A few of the neighbours met to discuss the problems which extended beyond the pub to traffic and parking. No problems with the postman who quickly introduced me to the local doctor, Dr Watson, and the butcher, Lidgates.

The importance of architecture in our lives cannot be understated; it surrounds us and reflects us. I studied architecture because of the house I grew up in. It was by Paul Rudolph. Every aspect was thought through, responding to the climate pre-AC, it was light and transparent. What that house gave me was what I became. The effect of both good architecture and bad architecture cannot go unnoticed.

We moved to St James's Gardens in 1998, a house built for an architect! I was asked to join the Norland Conservation Society (NCS) board as secretary. Dear Clive Wilson realised I was not the one for secretary when my first minutes were recorded as the Norland Conversation Society.

True action came when 3G offered the church in our square £15,000 for the use of the tower. Their plan was to remove the bells, install the 3G equipment in the tower and replace the flagpole with a mobile mast. NCS took the position that the church needed the money. I did not take that position. It was not difficult to gather support opposing the proposal and very quickly the powers took over. An offer was proposed to the church that the same money would be given over a period to be used for non-ecumenical needs. The wonderful thing besides saving our grade listed church, was the programme which was developed using the funds established a reading programme. The local primary school had over thirty-seven different languages and the children were not able to read at home. The after-school programme grew and soon it was obvious that the mothers were staying on as they too were learning to read and to speak English.

In 2001 I joined the Kensington Society. I was asked to assist the review of planning applications, just up my alley. I continued as a co-opted member and was appointed to the executive committee in 2003.

In early days I along with a member or two of the committee, would meet in the RBKC planning department to review the actual plans of applications. I am unclear how the cases we reviewed were selected but there were few. Our comments were written in pencil on a form provided by the planners and usually stated "We, the Kensington Society, deplore the destruction of this fine Victorian mansion." No mention of planning policies or reasons for opposing the application.

I became the planning chairman in 2006 and that year for the first time the annual report included a planning report. It is not surprising, to look back as the first developments were the Odeon, De Vere Gardens, 100 West Cromwell Road, Commonwealth Institute and deep subterranean excavations! I was elected the chairman of the Society in 2008.

Sir Ronald Arculus had recently retired as chairman to become the President. Sir Ronald was not the retiring type and with several major changes in the committee, we were highly active in the beginning with the administration. One of the duties as chairman was to meet with Sir Ronald bi-monthly at the Muffin Man. Over tuna sandwiches, I was grilled about every detail of the actions of the society. It may sound painful but it was a joy and very much a learning experience.

One of the first actions was to ask Clive Wilson, a fabulous champion for conservation and an artist, to provide a painting for the cover of the annual. You might not have noticed but every annual since that date has had a living Kensington artist's work on the cover.

In the following years, the society was regularly active in both opposing and supporting the changes within the planning system. What became a common theme by the government was 'the presumption in favour of development'; even then

'expanding the definition of permitted development rights'. What I see clearly now is the fight we have had for years had gone on before me and will continue.

Another first action we took was to update our constitution. It might be a task which should be taken by the next chairman? We went from an executive committee to trustees. Over time the accounts were adjusted. No longer held in a plastic bag and given to an accountant at the end of the year. The membership records were recorded in paper ledgers and only the membership secretary was allowed to access them. Both the membership and the accounts were computerised and reported at the trustee bi-monthly meeting. Thank you, Martin Frame!

If you look at the trustees now you will see diversity, character, dedication and the ability to disagree but form a single, joint opinion and to give unimaginable amount of time.

My first architectural argument as chairman was with our MP, Sir Michael Rifkind, over the Commonwealth Institute. Sir Michael supported de-listing the buildings allowing for developers to move in unrestricted. The Institute was listed in 1988 Grade II*. Sir Malcolm thought it unattractive. My response was not all buildings are 'attractive' but buildings such as the Commonwealth Institute do lead us on from one era to the next. Besides being architecturally beautiful, it is engineering significant. We would not have Bilbao today.

The same year we fought to save the Institute, the Warwick Road Planning Brief and masterplan was produced. Undisclosed was an architect who produced the entire masterplan, we understand without fee, and then went on to be the architect for all the buildings but one site. A bit fishy and no wonder the sameness. The result on Warwick Road today is exactly what we feared. The buildings are boring, characterless, produced by computer engineered repetition. They could be in Dallas or Beijing. Warwick Road typifies the banality that too often is accepted by RBKC. Where is the humanity in those buildings, in the site? What are those single tall buildings...called campaniles?

Many within the community around Newcombe House in Notting Hill opposed the Kensington Society support of the former scheme by Brockton Capital. Even some of our trustees vocally opposed the design. But there was a central park, space for a farmer's market, improvements required for the underground station, a large medical centre, and both luxury and affordable housing. What has been approved this time? A small surgery and a structure that is 316% larger than existing...no other public benefits, no housing. I feel strongly that the planners, but most importantly our councillors, have failed us. That is besides the fact that the building will be a horror. As for the handwritten pencil objections, I am often accused particularly by the former Mr Bore, that our objections were too long. We now clearly quote the Local Plan, the NPPF, the Mayor of London Plan and Act after Act. What he and others did not understand was the objections were written for our members as well as, if needed, for an appeal.

Since becoming chairman our membership has grown, our involvement with and participation with the council has flourished. I for one very much value the relationships we have with RBKC officers. The relationship is direct, respectful and differences are allowed to be voiced without anger.

There are other relationships I value. We have the most amazing relationships with the museums, with developers, and with our members. There are a few developers who do not understand what can be accomplished together. A fine example of one which has not worked is with Wellcome Trust who speak to us through their PR firm. The same can be said of Native Land. But then there is our relationship, an open and direct one, with the Earls Court Development Corporation and South Kensington Estates. We will not give up on Ballymore/Sainsbury at Kensal but that may be a lost battle directed by the Mayor.

Eight of our twelve trustees are either chairman of their own resident's association or on the main committee. One of the main aims that we are currently pushing is to

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increase the thirty-six affiliates in both our actions as well as understanding their needs.
Since 2004 it has been fun, frustrating, rewarding, intelligentially stimulating, and ...

Financial review

The Society thanks all the members who have generously subscribed £11,005, donations and legacies of £10,963 which qualified for Gift Aid of £4,810.

The total income for the year was £53,862, an increase of £22,800.

The cost of administration is allocated on a time basis to the various charitable activities.

The total expenditure was £60,414, an increase of £24,389.

The balance sheet has unrestricted funds of £61,677, a reduction of £6,551. These funds are necessary to secure the future of the Society. Rebuilding funds through subscriptions, donations and legacies is welcomed.

Statement of financial activities for the year to 31 December 2023

Income	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and legacies		
Membership subscriptions	11,005.00	10,577.00
Donations and legacies	10,963.67	2,975.71
Gift Aid	4,810.92	2,730.06
Total donations and legacies	<u>26,779.59</u>	<u>16,282.77</u>
Charitable activities		
Events	14,176.21	4,038.00
Annual report advertising	11,700.00	10,250.00
Total charitable activities	<u>25,876.21</u>	<u>14,288.00</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest	<u>1,206.95</u>	<u>491.76</u>
Total income	<u>53,862.75</u>	<u>31,062.53</u>
Expenditure		
Charitable activities		
Newsletter	3,330.10	3,001.97
Events	20,412.21	6,590.22
Annual report	11,040.35	9,347.96
Planning	23,443.72	14,540.96
Membership	1,111.80	1,030.65
Charitable subscriptions	200.00	195.00
Total charitable activities expense	<u>59,538.18</u>	<u>34,706.76</u>
Other		
Insurance	96.00	658.31
Examiner	780.00	660.00
Total other expense	<u>876.00</u>	<u>1,318.31</u>
Total expenditure	<u>60,414.18</u>	<u>36,025.07</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>(6,551.43)</u>	<u>(4,962.54)</u>
Total unrestricted funds brought forward	<u>68,228.79</u>	<u>73,191.33</u>
Total unrestricted funds carried forward	<u>61,677.36</u>	<u>68,228.79</u>

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Current assets		
Debtors		
Accrued income and prepayments		
Interest	133.61	122.31
Insurance	64.00	64.00
Total accrued income and prepayments	197.61	186.31
Cash at bank and in hand		
Nationwide Building Society	40,000.00	60,000.00
Barclays Bank	26,778.04	12,738.57
PayPal	1,437.14	1,604.16
Total cash at bank and in hand	68,215.18	74,342.73
	68,412.79	74,529.04
Total current assets	68,412.79	74,529.04
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Deferred income		
Subscriptions and donations	1,220.00	1,010.00
Creditors and accruals		
Creditors	3,797.27	3,632.09
City Living Local Life - Norland	998.16	998.16
Accruals	720.00	660.00
Total deferred income and accruals	6,735.43	6,300.25
	61,677.36	68,288.79
Total net assets	61,677.36	68,288.79
Funds of the charity		
Unrestricted funds	61,677.36	68,288.79

MSE Frame 17 April 2024

Approved by the Trustees 18 January 2024

Signed: Martin Frame, Chartered Accountant
Treasurer and Membership Secretary
The Kensington Society

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023

- **Charity registered address and number**
The Kensington Society's charity number is 267778.
- **Accounting policies**
These accounts have been prepared based under the historical cost convention in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102).

Income

- **Recognition of incoming income**
These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:
 - The charity becomes entitled to the income.
 - The trustees are certain they will receive the income; and
 - The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
- **Donations**
Donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
- **Tax reclaims on gifts and donations**
Incoming income from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA to the extent that claims have been made.
- **Volunteer help**
The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the financial activities.
- **Investment income**
This is included in the financial activities when receivable.

Expenditure and liabilities

- **Liability recognition**
Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to expenditure.

Financial instruments

Debtors

Debtors do not carry any interest and are stated at their nominal value. Appropriate allowances for estimated irrecoverable amounts are recognised in the SoFA when there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired.

Cash at bank and in hand

These comprise cash at bank and other short-term highly liquid bank deposits with an original maturity of three months or less.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

THE KENSINGTON SOCIETY
REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE KENSINGTON SOCIETY

I report on the accounts of The Kensington Society for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 2 to 8.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you 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:

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

Basis of the 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 the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records;
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

A. Ktistakis

Angela Ktistakis, ACA, FCCA
GMAK Chartered Accountants
5/7 Vernon Yard
London W11 2DX

Date: *17 April 2024*

THE KENSINGTON SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 267778

Accounts

The Kensington Society

Registered Charity Number 267778

Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 December 2022

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Review of the year's activities and achievements

It is strange what a year can do with your memories. Last year as I wrote this report we were still in the shadow of a pandemic. It seems a horrible memory but oddly one which many remember as terribly unproductive while others have wisely used the time to develop new hobby or even new professions.

For the Kensington Society the pandemic had no effect. Life did not slow down. For 2022 and as we are already in the middle of 2023, it is busier than ever. No complaints except the usual plea for volunteer help with multiple tasks and for renewal of membership.

In reflection it is odd to me that with Kensington and Chelsea is the richest borough and the smallest borough in the nation in population, still development can be forced on us. The housing numbers required by the government is unattainable. The only means for reaching though numbers is to go higher and higher. And still developers balk at the proposed requirement for two stairs. Over five years since Grenfell there is still no defined restrictions on cladding. The much touted sustainable and greening proposals can be side stepped by paying a penalty or as RBKC would like to look at it, a contribution to their own promises for carbon free buildings in their own ownership by 2030. The new Building Regulations announced in June 2022 have yet to have any effect on our own buildings which have not made a 'material start' with the council seeming to be reluctant to impose the restrictions.

Most concerning is the extent of the planning applications which are approved contrary to our own policies, damaging to the imposed housing target, and ignoring our conservation constraints.

When you have situations such as the current appeal by Native Land and TfL against the council's refusal of the South Kensington Station development proposal one does despair. That application was refused by the planning committee against this borough's own planning department's recommendation for approval. There were over 1939 letter of objection. There were 689 support letters however, the majority of those were solicited by Native Land's PR firm, were worded exactly the same and all stated they wanted step free access. However, having forensically reviewed the plans and proposal what was obvious was that the step free was not to be done until and only then if, Native Land was to build the second phase. And even the required station safety upgrade and capacity increase were not within the proposal. Oddly the planners seem to not have comprehend this subtly. The appellant was represented by the highest level of legal, planning, architectural, structural, environmental, and transport consultants. They packed the hearing chamber. The council was gallantly represented by one barrister and the planning team who had recommended approval.

A consortium of residents' associations and the Kensington Society applied for and were accepted as Rule 6 parties. As the other three associations were well versed with the issues of heritage harm and architectural failings, we took on the station. This basic allowed us to fill in where the council lacked the will. Please read the section with planning in this report on the South Kensington Station. This also cost us over £20,000 in legal and professional fees. Luckily, we have been very prudent in our expenditures and had the funds. However, one does reflect on how we got there in the first place. How were the planners so convinced by the proposal? How did they actually believe that the proposal would provide step free in our lifetime? Why following the application, was there zero dialogue with the residents? Time will tell whether the 20 or so expensive professionals employed by Native Land and TfL will convince the planning inspector. If she allows the appeal, we will have an extremely damaging development which will obliterate the wonderful character of South Kensington. We are not opposed development. We, and the residents association are no NIMBY. Development must happen. However, if there had been a dialog with

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the developers or even a dialog with our own planners, we would not have been where we are now...in peril.

Currently there are three major projects in developments: Earl's Court, Kensal Canalside and Newcombe House. Again, please read the planning report on sites. As to whether lessons will be learned from the South Kensington proposals and appeal, time will tell. Last year I reported that we 'worked hard to build good and constructive partnership with the planners. In some case we have in particular with the multiple appeals for the overdevelopment of the Academy pub, but in other we have been stonewalled. With the ever-revolving door of planners, the department push for development at all costs, and the inconstancy of decisions and the ignoring of our own policies, our task is greater than ever.

Amanda Frame
Chairman

Amanda Frame

26/05/2023

Financial review

The Society wishes to thank all the members who have generously subscribed £10,577.00, donations and legacies of £2,975.71 which qualified for Gift Aid of £2,730.06.

The total income for the year was £31,062.53, an increase of £10,630.65.

The cost of administration is allocated on a time basis to the various charitable activities.

The total expenditure was £36,025.07, an increase of £12,085.75.

The balance sheet has unrestricted funds £68,228.79, a reduction of £4,962.54.

These funds are necessary to secure the future of the Society. However further planning costs are anticipated of £18,943.00 in 2023. Rebuilding funds through subscriptions, donations and legacies is welcomed.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

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26/05/2023

Martin Frame
Treasurer

Income	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations and legacies		
Membership subscriptions	10,577.00	9,757.00
Donations and legacies	2,975.71	2,553.50
Gift Aid	<u>2,730.06</u>	<u>2,238.49</u>
Total donations and legacies	<u>16,282.77</u>	<u>14,548.99</u>
Charitable activities		
Events	4,038.00	625.00
Annual report advertising	<u>10,250.00</u>	<u>5,225.00</u>
Total charitable activities	<u>14,288.00</u>	<u>5,850.00</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest	<u>491.76</u>	<u>32.89</u>
Total income	<u>31,062.53</u>	<u>20,431.88</u>
Expenditure		
Charitable activities		
Newsletter	3,001.97	2,719.94
Events	6,590.21	750.00
Annual report	9,347.96	9,344.93
Planning	14,540.96	9,330.68
Membership	1,030.66	1,079.99
Charitable Subscriptions	<u>195.00</u>	<u>195.00</u>
Total charitable activities expense	<u>34,706.76</u>	<u>23,420.54</u>
Other		
Insurance	658.31	518.78
Examiner	<u>660.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total other expense	<u>1,318.31</u>	<u>518.78</u>
Total expenditure	<u>36,025.07</u>	<u>23,939.32</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<i>(4,962.54)</i>	<i>(3,507.44)</i>
Total unrestricted funds brought forward	<u>73,191.33</u>	<u>76,698.77</u>
Total unrestricted funds carried forward	<u>68,228.79</u>	<u>73,191.33</u>

	2022	2021
	£	£
Current assets		
Debtors		
Accrued income and prepayments		
Interest	122.31	0.00
Insurance	64.00	596.09
Total accrued income and prepayments	<u>186.31</u>	<u>596.09</u>
Cash at bank and in hand		
Nationwide Building Society	60,000.00	60,000.00
Barclays Bank	12,738.57	15,181.41
PayPal	1,604.16	1,520.61
Total cash at bank and in hand	<u>74,342.73</u>	<u>76,702.02</u>
	<u>74,529.04</u>	<u>77,298.11</u>
Total current assets	<u>74,529.04</u>	<u>77,298.11</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Deferred income		
Subscriptions and donations	1,010.00	702.00
Creditors and accruals		
Creditors	3,632.09	2,389.94
City Living Local Life - Norland	998.16	1,014.84
Accruals	660.00	0.00
Total deferred income and accruals	<u>6,300.25</u>	<u>4,106.78</u>
	<u>68,228.79</u>	<u>73,191.33</u>
Total net assets	<u>68,228.79</u>	<u>73,191.33</u>
Funds of the charity		
Unrestricted funds	<u>68,228.79</u>	<u>73,191.33</u>

Approved by the Trustees 16 February 2023

Signed: *MSCFrame*
Martin Frame CA
Treasurer and Membership Secretary
The Kensington Society

Date: *26/05/2023*

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022

- **Charity's registered address and number**
The Kensington Society's registered address is Westwoods, Clatford Bottom, Marlborough SN8 4DY and the charity number is 267778.
- **Accounting policies**
These accounts have been prepared based under the historical cost convention in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102).

Income

- **Recognition of incoming income**
These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:
 - The charity becomes entitled to the income;
 - The trustees are virtually certain they will receive the income; and
 - The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
- **Donations**
Donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the income.
- **Tax reclaims on gifts and donations**
Incoming income from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA to the extent that claims have been made.
- **Volunteer help**
The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the financial activities.
- **Investment income**
This is included in the financial activities when receivable.

Expenditure and liabilities

- **Liability recognition**
Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to expenditure.

Financial instruments

Debtors

Debtors do not carry any interest and are stated at their nominal value. Appropriate allowances for estimated irrecoverable amounts are recognised in the SoFA when there is objective evidence that the asset is impaired.

Cash at bank and in hand

These comprise cash at bank and other short-term highly liquid bank deposits with an original maturity of three months or less.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Kensington Society

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 2 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

As the charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, 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 Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

A. Ktistakis

Angela Ktistakis ACA FCCA
GMAK Chartered Accountants
5/7 Vernon Yard London W11 2DX

Date: *26 May 2023*