

LONDON TOPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 271590

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1976-07-02

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

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Activities

Objects: TO ASSIST THE STUDY AND APPRECIATION OF LONDON'S HISTORY AND TOPOGRAPHY BY MAKING AVAILABLE FACSIMILES OF MAPS, PLANS AND VIEWS, AND BY PUBLISHING RESEARCH.

Activities: The London Topographical Society concentrates exclusively on making available, to its members and the general public, material illustrating the history, growth and topography of London. Since its foundation in 1880, the Society has reproduced an unrivalled selection of historic maps, plans and views of London. It also publishes books and monographs containing original research.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GREATER LONDON
- Throughout London

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £38,108 | £38,642 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £41,905 | £55,440 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £100,408 | £70,920 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £54,904 | £32,986 | - | - |
| 2020-12-31 | £33,295 | £45,877 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|----------------------------|-------|------------|
| Dr PENELOPE HUNTING | Chair | |
| BRIDGET CHERRY | | |
| Mike Wicksteed | | 2025-07-01 |
| ROGER CLINE | | |
| SIMON MORRIS | | |

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The LONDON
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SOCIETY *Est.1880*

London Topographical Society

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2024

London Topographical Society

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London Topographical Society

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| Trustees | Dr Penelope Hunting (Chair) Bridget Cherry Roger Cline Simon Morris Mike Wicksteed |
| Secretary/ Treasurer | Mike Wicksteed |
| Charity number | 271590 |
| Registered office | 103 Harestone Valley Road Caterham Surrey CR3 6HR |
| Independent examiner | David Wheeler FCCA Cheeld Wheeler & Co Chartered Certified Accountants Redhill Chambers 2d High Street Redhill Surrey RH1 1RJ |
| Bankers | Santander Bank plc |

125th ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LONDON TOPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report together with the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The London Topographical Society (the Society) is a charity registered with the Charity Commission. The charity number, principal addresses and details of professional advisors are included in the administrative information on page 1.

Constitution, objectives and activities

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Organisational structure

The charity is managed by the Society's Council, members of which are elected at each AGM. The Council meets regularly three times a year. The board of trustees, selected on the basis of the particular skills that the potential trustees can offer meets as required during the year.

The trustees receive an induction pack containing the charity's key documents and attend at least one meeting a year. Throughout the year, trustees receive regular updates on the activities of the charity.

Achievements and performance

In July 2024, His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester kindly agreed to be the Society's Patron. He succeeds the late Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who was our Patron for sixty-nine years having consented to take up the position in 1952 on the death of our former Patron, King George VI. King George V consented to be our first Patron in 1909 while he was Prince of Wales.

This year's publication was *The Southwark Fire Court* by Jay Tidmarsh, edited by Sheila O'Connell. Once again, the Society is grateful for the contributions of Linda Fisher and Steve Hartley at Scorpion Creative.

The Society's 123rd AGM was held on 3rd July 2024 in St Lawrence Jewry in Gresham Street. It was attended by about 160 members and guests. The meeting was preceded with an hour-long organ recital by James McVinnie. Talks were given by Jay Tidmarsh, on his book, and by Council Member Geoffrey Tyack who spoke about Sir Christopher Wren's design of the church and Cecil Brown's post-war restoration.

The Society's total income for 2024 was £38,108 while expenditure came to £38,642. Income was mainly derived from subscriptions and publication sales. We would like to thank the Scouloudi Foundation for their generous grant of £2,000 towards the production of our annual publication. The Society made a grant of £2,500 to I G Doolittle to help with the cost of typing up the last of the Fire Court decrees.

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During the year 45 new members joined the Society which had 1228 paid-up members as of 31 December 2024. There were two honorary members

Two new members were elected to the Council, India Wright and Colin Thom. Bridget Cherry OBE stood down after editing the *Newsletter* for sixteen years and was appointed a Vice President: India Wright took over the editorship. Mike Wicksteed was elected as a trustee, joining Penny Hunting, Roger Cline, Simon Morris and Bridget Cherry.

Council meetings were held in February, April and October to discuss the Society's publications programme, membership, finances and general administration.

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The Ann Saunders Essay Prize in honour of Dr Ann Saunders (1930-2019) was awarded for the second time. £1000 was paid to Martin Rose for his essay titled *The Close on Tower Wharf* which will be published in Volume 33 of *The Record* in 2025.

Planned Publications

2025. *The Record*, Vol 33

2026. *A-Z of Georgian London*.

2027. *Private Banking Houses in Georgian London*.

Financial review

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Reserves policy

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The trustees' policy is to generate a level of reserves which will provide a stable base for its continuing activities while at the same time ensuring that funds are not accumulated.

Risk management

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B Cherry
R Cline
S Morris
M Wicksteed

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Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Account Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable organisation for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by Charities – the Charities SORP);
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable organisation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable organisation and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 1 July 2025
and signed on their behalf by:



M Wicksted

Hon. Secretary/Treasurer

London Topographical Society

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of London Topographical Society ("the Society") for the year ended 31 December 2024 on pages 6 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 Act").

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

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 Charities 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 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.

David Wheeler

David Wheeler FCCA

Date: 1 July 2025

Independent examiner

Cheeld Wheeler & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
Redhill Chambers
2d High Street
Redhill
Surrey
RH1 1RJ

London Topographical Society

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds | 2024 Total funds £ | 2023 Total funds £ |
|---|-------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Income | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | | 2,167 | 2,167 | 7,109 |
| Charitable activities | | 29,610 | 29,610 | 31,896 |
| Investment income | | 5,391 | 5,391 | 1,708 |
| Other | | 940 | 940 | 1,192 |
| Total income | 2 | 38,108 | 38,108 | 41,905 |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | | | | |
| Grants to institutions | 3 | 2,500 | 2,500 | 7,715 |
| Direct costs | 3 | 31,815 | 31,815 | 45,835 |
| Support costs | 3 | 4,327 | 4,327 | 1,890 |
| Total expenditure | | 38,642 | 38,642 | 55,440 |
| Net (expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year | | (534) | (534) | (13,535) |
| Brought forward 1 January 2024 | | 228,427 | 228,427 | 241,962 |
| Balance carried forward at 31 December 2024 | | 227,893 | 227,893 | 228,427 |

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those passing through the statement of financial activities, which has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

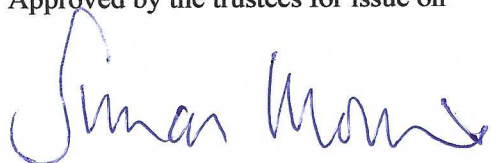
London Topographical Society
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

| | Notes | £ | 2024 £ | £ | 2023 £ |
|---|-------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Stock | | 8,372 | | 11,163 | |
| Debtors | 4 | 3,995 | | - | |
| Cash at bank | | 221,846 | | 220,045 | |
| Total current assets | | 234,213 | | 231,208 | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 5 | 6,320 | | 2,781 | |
| Net current assets | | | 227,893 | | 228,427 |
| Net assets | | | £227,893 | | £228,427 |
| The funds of the charity | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | 227,893 | | 228,427 |
| Restricted funds | | | - | | - |
| TOTAL CHARITABLE FUNDS | | | £227,893 | | £228,427 |

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the trustees for issue on *1 July 2025*

and signed on their behalf by:



.....
S Morris
Trustee



.....
M Wicksteed
Trustee

Charity registration number: 271590

London Topographical Society
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting policies

A summary of the principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the accounts are laid out below.

1.1 Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared for the year ended 31 December 2024.

These financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these accounts.

The accounts 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP FRS 102) the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Preparation of the accounts requires the trustees and management to make significant judgements and estimates.

The items in the accounts where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- Estimating the liability for accruals

1.3 Assessment of going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these accounts. The trustees have made this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of these accounts.

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

1.4 Income

Grants and donations receivable are accounted for as soon as their amount and receipt are reasonably certain. In the case of unsolicited donations, they are usually only accounted for when received.

All other income is recognised in the statement of financial activities, once the Society has become entitled to those funds, and it is probable that it will be received and the amount can be measured accurately.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1.5 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to each category.

Costs of generating funds expenditure is detailed at note 3, and comprises the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and any fundraising events.

Charitable expenditure is detailed in note 3, and comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature to support them.

1.6 Stock

Stock is represented by the publications produced which are valued at cost less any provision to write down to realisable value.

1.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition.

1.8 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

1.9 Charity funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the Society's objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Society. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. The Society currently has no designated or restricted funds.

1.10 Taxation

The Society is a registered charity and therefore is not liable to income tax or corporation tax derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

2. Income

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Donations | 167 | 109 |
| Legacies | - | 5,000 |
| Grants | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Membership subscriptions | 24,508 | 24,967 |
| Publication sales | 5,102 | 6,758 |
| Royalty income | 300 | 171 |
| Interest receivable | 5,391 | 1,708 |
| Other | 640 | 1,192 |
| | <u>38,108</u> | <u>41,905</u> |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

3 Total expenditure

| | Direct Costs £ | Support Costs £ | Total 2024 £ | Total 2023 £ |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Charitable activities | 34,315 | 4,327 | £38,642 | £55,440 |

| | | | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|--|--|--|-----------|-----------|
|--|--|--|-----------|-----------|

Charitable activities

Direct costs

| | | | | |
|---|--|--|---------|---------|
| Grants paid | | | 2,500 | 7,715 |
| Prizes | | | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Production and distribution costs | | | 22,166 | 37,493 |
| Newsletter printing & despatch costs | | | 8,649 | 7,342 |
| | | | £34,315 | £53,550 |

Support costs

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|--|--|--------|--------|
| Membership administration | | | 572 | 403 |
| Website expenses | | | 807 | 44 |
| AGM costs | | | 1,988 | 543 |
| Examiner's fee | | | 960 | 900 |
| | | | £4,327 | £1,890 |

4 Debtors

| | | | | |
|------------------|--|--|--------|---|
| Accrued interest | | | £3,995 | - |
|------------------|--|--|--------|---|

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | | | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------------------|--|--|--------|--------|
| Subscriptions in advance | | | 4,067 | 1,643 |
| Creditors and accruals | | | 2,253 | 1,138 |
| | | | £6,320 | £2,781 |

6. Employees

The charity did not employ any staff during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

7. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The trustees give their time freely and are unpaid. Mr Cline claimed administration expenses of £1,293 (2023 - £237) during the year. None of the other trustees claimed any expenses.

8. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

LONDON TOPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

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Accounts

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During the year 68 new members joined the Society which had 1,310 paid up members as of 31 December 2023. There is one honorary member.

Council Member Laurence Worms resigned from the Council in July 2023. Anne Ramon resigned as the Society's Treasurer at the AGM and Mike Wicksteed, the Hon. Secretary, took over the role pending a member volunteering to take on the duties. As of 31 December 2023, there had been no volunteers.

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The first extraordinary meeting was held on 17 March 2023 to consider a request by the Historic Towns Trust (HTT) for a grant towards their proposal to publish an atlas of London before the Great Fire. It was agreed that the Society would contribute £50,000 over three years on the understanding that before payment, HTT would formally confirm that all other funding requests towards the publication had been successfully met. It is hoped that extra funding will be raised, in which case the atlas will be published in 2026 or 2027 when complimentary copies will be sent to all Society members together with the annual LTS publication.

The second extraordinary meeting was held on 19 July to confirm that the Hon. Secretary, Mike Wicksteed, would take on the treasurer duties from 21 July 2023 following the resignation as Hon. Treasurer by Anne Ramon.

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Approved by the trustees on 26 April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

M Wicksteed

Hon. Secretary

London Topographical Society

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David Wheeler FCCA

Date: 26th April 2024

Independent examiner

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London Topographical Society

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds | 2023 Total funds £ | 2022 Total funds £ |
|--|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Income | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | | 7,109 | 7,109 | 66,651 |
| Charitable activities | | 31,896 | 31,896 | 33,538 |
| Investment income | | 1,708 | 1,708 | 219 |
| Other | | 1,192 | 1,192 | - |
| Total income | 2 | 41,905 | 41,905 | 100,408 |
| Expenditure on charitable activities | | | | |
| Grants to institutions | 8 | 7,715 | 7,715 | 7,715 |
| Direct costs | | 45,835 | 45,835 | 56,958 |
| Support costs | | 1,890 | 1,890 | 6,247 |
| Total expenditure | | 55,440 | 55,440 | 70,920 |
| Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds for the year | | (13,535) | (13,535) | 29,488 |
| Brought forward 1 January 2023 | | 241,962 | 241,962 | 212,474 |
| Balance carried forward at 31 December 2023 | | 228,427 | 228,427 | 241,962 |

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those passing through the statement of financial activities, which has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

| | Notes | £ | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|---|-------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Current assets | | | | |
| Stock | | 11,163 | 12,114 | |
| Debtors | | - | 3,056 | |
| Investments | | - | 132,489 | |
| Cash at bank | | <u>220,045</u> | <u>108,239</u> | |
| Total current assets | | 231,208 | 255,898 | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 4 | <u>2,781</u> | <u>13,936</u> | |
| Net current assets | | | <u>228,477</u> | <u>241,962</u> |
| Net assets | | | <u>228,427</u> | <u>241,962</u> |
| The funds of the charity | 6 | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | 228,427 | 241,962 |
| Restricted funds | | | - | - |
| TOTAL CHARITABLE FUNDS | | | <u>£228,427</u> | <u>£241,962</u> |

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the trustees for issue on 3 July 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

.....
 Dr P Hunting
 Trustee

.....
 R Cline
 Trustee

Charity registration number: 271590

London Topographical Society
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Accounting policies

A summary of the principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the accounts are laid out below.

1.1 Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared for the year ended 31 December 2023.

These financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these accounts.

The accounts 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP FRS 102) the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

1.2 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Preparation of the accounts requires the trustees and management to make significant judgements and estimates.

The items in the accounts where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- Estimating the liability for accruals

1.3 Assessment of going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these accounts. The trustees have made this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of these accounts.

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

1.4 Income

Grants and donations receivable are accounted for as soon as their amount and receipt are reasonably certain. In the case of unsolicited donations, they are usually only accounted for when received.

All other income is recognised in the statement of financial activities, once the Society has become entitled to those funds, and it is probable that it will be received and the amount can be measured accurately.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1.5 Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to each category.

Costs of generating funds expenditure is detailed at note 3, and comprises the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and any fundraising events.

Charitable expenditure is detailed in note 3, and comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature to support them.

1.6 Stock

Stock is represented by the publications produced which are valued at cost less any provision to write down to realisable value.

1.7 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition.

1.8 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

1.9 Charity funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the Society's objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Society. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. The Society currently has no designated or restricted funds.

1.10 Taxation

The Society is a registered charity and therefore is not liable to income tax or corporation tax derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

2. Income

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Donations | 109 | 218 |
| Legacies | 5,000 | 64,433 |
| Grants | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Membership subscriptions | 24,967 | 25,787 |
| Publication sales | 6,758 | 7,623 |
| Royalty income | 171 | 128 |
| Interest receivable | 1,708 | 219 |
| Other | 1,192 | - |
| | <u>41,905</u> | <u>100,408</u> |

London Topographical Society

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

3 Total expenditure

| | Direct Costs £ | Support Costs £ | Total 2022 £ | Total 2021 £ |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Charitable activities | <u>53,550</u> | <u>1,890</u> | <u>55,440</u> | <u>70,920</u> |
| | | | 2023 | 2022 |
| | | | £ | £ |
| Charitable activities | | | | |
| Direct costs | | | | |
| Grants to institutions - see note 8 | | | 7,715 | 7,715 |
| Prizes | | | 1,000 | - |
| Production and distribution costs | | | 37,493 | 49,018 |
| Newsletter printing & despatch costs | | | <u>7,342</u> | <u>7,940</u> |
| | | | <u>53,550</u> | <u>64,673</u> |
| | | | 2023 | 2022 |
| Support costs | | | | |
| Membership administration | | | 403 | 415 |
| Website expenses | | | 44 | 539 |
| AGM costs | | | 543 | 5,293 |
| Examiner's fee | | | <u>900</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | | | <u>1,890</u> | <u>6,247</u> |
| 4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | | | 2023 | 2022 |
| Subscriptions in advance | | | 1,643 | 2,099 |
| Overseas postage in advance | | | - | 80 |
| Creditors and accruals | | | <u>1,138</u> | <u>11,757</u> |
| | | | <u>2,781</u> | <u>13,936</u> |

5. Employees

The charity did not employ any staff during the year.

6. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

The trustees give their time freely and are unpaid. Mr Cline claimed administration expenses of £237 (2022 - £442) during the year. None of the other trustees claimed any expenses.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year.

8. Grants to institutions

During the year the Society made the second instalment of the grant of £7,715 to the University of Sheffield which is being used towards the refurbishment of the Locating London's Past website. The total value of the grant paid was £15,430.

LONDON TOPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 271590

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LONDON TOPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

123rd Annual Report of the Council of the London Topographical Society for 2022

2022 was the year we thankfully put lockdowns and the worst of the pandemic behind us.

It was a bonus year for the Society's members as there were two annual publications: *The London Journal of John Mackay, 1837-38* by David E. Coke and *Nicholas Barbon: Developing London, 1667-1698* by Frank Kelsall and Timothy Walker. Once again the Society is grateful for the contributions of Linda Fisher and Steve Hartley at Scorpion Creative.

Our Hon. Publications Secretary, Simon Morris, organised another trusty band of volunteers to deliver the publications which resulted in personal deliveries being made to several hundred members, many arriving before those by the courier outside the Home Counties. We experienced problems with publication distribution this year, mainly due to the late printing of one publication which unfortunately coincided with industrial action at the Royal Mail. As a result, we are examining publication distribution planning for the future.

Council meetings were held in January, April and September to discuss the Society's publications programme, membership, finances and general administration. The January and April meetings were held using Zoom, however in September we were able to meet at our regular venue for the first time since February 2020, in the offices of CMS solicitors above Cannon Street Station.

The Society's 121st AGM was held on 12 July 2022 in the splendid Assembly Room of Church House across Dean's Yard from Westminster Abbey. It was attended by about 120 members and guests.

The Society's total income for 2022 was £100,480 while expenditure came to £70,920. Income was derived from subscriptions, publication sales and a legacy from a former member, Jean Slorah, for £64,433.

During the year 49 new members joined the Society which had 1320 paid-up members. There are two honorary members.

Peter Guillery, a Council Member since 2016, resigned from the Council in September 2022 on moving to a permanent residence in France.

The Society's *Newsletter* was published in May (No.94) and November (No.95) with articles ranging widely over London past and present (see below). In addition, the *Newsletter Index* was updated by Simon Morris and covered the contents from May 2000 to November 2021, following the same format as Simon's earlier Index from February 1975 to November 1999. All three are available to read on the Society's website at <https://londontopsoc.org/newsletters/> .

No. 94: In *Discovery: The botanic gardens of Regent's Park* Edward Kellow described how research during lockdown led to the discovery of some original plans for the Royal Botanic Gardens. Rebecca Preston and Andrew Saint outlined their plans for a new historical study of St Giles in the Fields. *London's Waterworks* by Nick Higham, author of *The Mercenary River. Private Greed, Public Good: A History of London's Water*, looked at traces of the water history of London. Based on an article by Patrick Hegarty in the Hornsey Historical Society's *Bulletin*, the Newsletter Editor, Bridget Cherry, wrote about the early days of the Parkland Walk running along an old railway line northwest from Finsbury Park. Book reviews covered the great houses of the Strand 1550-1650, St Paul's from the middle ages to the present day, pleasure in the West End 1800-1914 and London restaurants 1840-1914, and a social history of London over a shorter but partially concurrent period 1870-1914.

No. 95: David Harrison brought readers up to date with a radical new scheme to ease the life of pedestrians along the Strand past Somerset House in *All Change on the Strand*. A 50-year interest in London topography and in particular the area of Westminster was the basis for an article *Westminster Topography* by Tim Tatton-Brown, one of the speakers at our AGM in Church House. Andrew Macnair explained how research can be assisted through a new approach to some familiar maps in *London Maps digitally redrawn: John Ogilby and William Morgan (1676), John Rocque (1746) and Richard Horwood (1799)*. Ken Gowers explored changing priorities in the creation of London's public sculpture in *Controversial Sculpture: London's Medical Statues*. There were book reviews on the Survey of London's latest volumes (54 and 55) covering Whitechapel, a social history of seventeenth-century London, and buildings from the middle ages to the seventeenth century which have survived.

In 2022, no prize was awarded for the Ann Saunders Essay Prize in honour of Dr Ann Saunders (1930-2019). It is hoped the first award of £1000 will be made at the 2023 AGM.

Mike Wicksteed
Hon. Secretary

LONDON TOPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

Registered Charity no. 271590

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

| | 2022 | 2021 |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| | Notes | |
| Income | | |
| Charitable activities - Membership fees | 2 25,787 | 26,486 |
| Gift Aid | 3 - | 4,381 |
| Total subscription income | 25,787 | 30,867 |
| Net profit from sales of publications (2021) | 4 - | 21,042 |
| Income from sales of publications (2022) | 4 7,623 | - |
| Investment Income - Interest received | 219 | 18 |
| Grant: Scouloudi Foundation | 5 2,000 | 1,250 |
| Donation: Jean Slorah | 6 64,433 | - |
| Sundry donations | 218 | 47 |
| Royalties received | 7 128 | 1,680 |
| Total income for the year | 100,408 | 54,904 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Members' subscription publications | | |
| Production of current year publications | 8 35,841 | 18,633 |
| Distribution of current year publications | 7,222 | 3,680 |
| Cost of members' publications | 43,063 | 22,313 |
| Cost of sales of publications (2022) | 5,955 | - |
| Newsletter printing and despatch | 7,940 | 6,593 |
| AGM | 5,293 | 2,928 |
| Website expenses | 539 | 539 |
| Membership Administration | 415 | 613 |
| Total administration costs | 20,142 | 10,673 |
| Grant made to other bodies | | |
| Locating London's Past website refurbishment Part 1 | 9 7,715 | - |
| Total expenditure for the year | 70,920 | 32,986 |
| Net Income/(Expenditure) | 29,488 | 21,918 |
| Reconciliation of Funds | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 212,474 | 190,556 |
| Total Funds Carried Forward | 241,962 | 212,474 |
| BALANCE SHEET for the year ended 31.12.22 | | |
| | 2022 | 2021 |
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash at Bank | 108,239 | 69,808 |
| National Savings and Investment Account | 132,489 | 132,365 |
| Debtors and Prepayments | 3,056 | 6,678 |
| Stock | 12,114 | 12,433 |
| Total assets | 255,898 | 221,284 |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Creditors falling due within one year | | |
| Overseas members' postage in advance | 80 | 10 |
| Subscriptions paid in advance | 2,099 | 4,670 |
| Possible creditor | 10 3,600 | 3,600 |
| Creditors and accruals | 8,157 | 530 |
| Total liabilities | 13,936 | 8,810 |
| Total Assets less Current Liabilities | 241,962 | 212,474 |
| Net Assets | 241,962 | 212,474 |
| Funds | | |
| Unrestricted Funds | 241,962 | 212,474 |
| Total Funds | 241,962 | 212,474 |

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 26 April 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

P Hunting - Trustee

S Morris - Trustee

These accounts were prepared by Anne Ramon, Hon Treasurer and were examined by the Society's Independent Examiner Miss Brenda Hawkins who found no concerns.

If you have any questions please address them to the Hon. Treasurer Anne Ramon (topsoc.treasurer@gmail.com)

London Topographical Society - Registered Charity number 271590

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)', The Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and with the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Stock

Stock comprises surplus books and publications held for resale via the website www.londontopsoc.org and at meetings. They are valued at the lower of cost or net realisable value. A stock valuation exercise was conducted in early 2022 and this has been updated with sales in 2022 and the inclusion of surplus new (2022) publications.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. The Society has no Designated or Restricted funds.

Key Judgements and assumptions

The Society has made judgements about the likelihood of members continuing to take out subscriptions, of continuing sales income and of ongoing income from royalties and investments. It has estimated outstanding creditors and debtors based on the latest information available. It has formed a view about the adequacy of reserves in the context of planned committed expenditure.

Trustees' Remuneration and Benefits.

No remuneration or benefits were paid to Trustees at any time in the year.

Related Party Disclosures

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2022.

2. Subscription income is slightly reduced on 2021 which might reflect the easing of pandemic restrictions.

3. The Society no longer collects Gift Aid.

4. Net profit from sale of publications. FRS102 discourages the use of netting so we are now reporting income from, and costs relating to these sales, as separate lines. Sales of past publications continue to provide a good income, albeit reduced a little since the lockdown periods of the pandemic (2020 and 2021).

5. This figure is a grant from the Scouloudi Foundation. The amount is in the gift of the Foundation, and we welcome the increase in 2022.

6. LTS was delighted to receive the sum of £64,433 as a legacy from a former member, Mrs Jean Slorah. We will mention her gift, with thanks, in a future publication.

7. Royalties are collected on our behalf by the Publishers Licensing Services.

8. In 2022 LTS produced:

THE LONDON JOURNAL OF JOHN MACKAY, 1837-38
By David E. Coke ISBN 978-0-902087-72-9, and

NICHOLAS BARBON DEVELOPING LONDON, 1667-1698
by Frank Kelsall and Timothy Walker ISBN 978-0-902087-73-6

9. The Society has agreed to make a grant to the University of Sheffield towards the refurbishment of the *Locating Londons Past* website www.locatinglondon.org. The grant totals £15,430, and is being paid in two equal tranches: £7715 was paid in the year 2022 and a further £7715 will be paid in 2023.

10. Possible Creditor. Money owed 5 years ago but not claimed. This has been retained in case of a future claim but will be written back into the accounts next year (2023), if still outstanding.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
Report to the trustees of the London Topographical Society
Charity number 271590

I report to the charity's trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, as set out in the Newsletter.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.


Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited for this year under FRS 102 and the Charities Act 2011 and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b)) of the 2011 Act.

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 Charities 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 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 

Date: 24.4.23

Brenda Hawkins
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LONDON TOPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 271590

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LONDON TOPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

122nd Annual Report of the Council of the London Topographical Society for 2021

Due to the pandemic and with the approval of the Charity Commission, the Society took its 2019 business at the 2021 AGM held in Glaziers Hall. Rather surprisingly, and most pleasing in the circumstances, 171 members and guests attended.

The Society's annual publication for 2021 was Volume XXXII of the *London Topographical Record* which comprised ten essays covering a wide range of topics and eight obituaries.

Council meetings continued to be held remotely in January, April and September, using Zoom due to the pandemic, to discuss the Society's publications programme, membership, finances and general administration.

The Society's total income for 2021 was £54,904 while expenditure came to £32,986.

During the year 62 new members joined the Society: at the end of 2021 there were 1344 paid-up members and two honorary members, our former Auditor Hugh Cleaver and Brenda Hawkins, our current Internal Examiner.

At the AGM two Vice-Presidents were elected to fill vacant posts - former Hon. Secretary Patrick Frazer and former Hon. Treasurer Roger Cline.

The Society's *Newsletter* was published in May (No.92) and November (No.93) with articles ranging widely over London past and present. They are available to read on the website.

Mike Wicksted
Hon. Secretary

LONDON TOPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT year ending 31.12.2021

| | | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| Income | | | |
| Subscriptions paid by members | Notes (1) | 26,486 | 24,184 |
| Tax from Covenants/Gift Aid | (2) | 4,381 | 4,566 |
| Total subscription income | | 30,867 | 28,750 |
| Net profit from sales of publications | (3) | 21,042 | 1,924 |
| Interest received | (4) | 18 | 1,100 |
| Grant: Scouloudi Foundation | (5) | 1,250 | 1,250 |
| Sundry donations | (6) | 47 | 158 |
| Royalties received | (7) | 1,680 | 113 |
| Total income for the year | | 54,904 | 33,295 |
| Expenditure | | | |
| Members' subscription publications | | | |
| Production of current year publication | (8) | 18,633 | 32,840 |
| Distribution of current year publication | | 3,680 | 4,976 |
| Total cost of members' publications | | 22,313 | 37,816 |
| Newsletter printing and despatch | (9) | 6,593 | 5,524 |
| AGM (not held in 2020) | (10) | 2,928 | - |
| Website expenses | (11) | 539 | 1,566 |
| Membership Administration | (12) | 613 | 307 |
| GDPR expense | | - | 164 |
| Total administration costs | | 10,673 | 7,561 |
| Grant made to other bodies | | | |
| Survey of London Map Digitisation | | - | 500 |
| Total expenditure for the year | | 32,986 | 45,877 |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure | | | |
| Surplus 2021/(Deficit) 2020 | | 21,918 | (12,582) |

BALANCE SHEET year ending 31.12.2021

| | | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|
| Assets | | | |
| Money in bank and Nat Svgs | | 202,173 | 194,541 |
| Debtors and Prepayments | | 6,678 | 2,903 |
| Society's stock of publications | | 12,433 | 3,072 |
| Total assets | | 221,284 | 200,516 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| Overseas members' postage in advance | | - | 260 |
| Subscriptions paid in advance | | 4,680 | 6,100 |
| Possible creditor | (13) | 3,600 | 3,600 |
| Accruals | | 530 | - |
| Total liabilities | | 8,810 | 9,960 |
| Net worth of the Society | | 212,474 | 190,556 |
| Change in net worth | | | |
| Previous year's net worth | | 190,556 | 203,138 |
| Surplus 2021/Deficit 2020 | | 21,918 | (12,582) |
| End of year net worth | | 212,474 | 190,556 |

These accounts were prepared by Anne Ramon and were examined by the Society's Independent Examiner Miss Brenda Hawkins who found no concerns. See her certificate overleaf.
If you have any questions please address them to the Treasurer Anne Ramon (topsoc.treasurer@gmail.com).

Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31st December 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the trustees of the London Topographical Society (Charity Number 271590)

I report to the charity's trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st December 2021, as set out in the Newsletter.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's directors you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b)) of the 2011 Act.

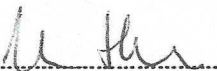
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records, or;
- the accounts do not comply with the relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102)

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



Date:

15.4.22

Brenda Hawkins
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LONDON TOPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

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LONDON TOPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

121st Annual Report of the Council of the London Topographical Society for 2020

2020 was a landmark year in more ways than one. Like a vast tsunami, the pandemic exploded across all aspects of life including those of the Society. There was no AGM, the first time since our inception in 1880 this had happened; even the two World Wars of the twentieth century failed to prevent the Society from carrying out its legally mandated business. With the approval of the Charity Commission, the Council agreed to take its 2019 business at the 2021 AGM.

The Society's annual publication for 2020 was *London Parish Maps to 1900 – a Catalogue of Maps of London Parishes within the original London County Council Area*. It was the result of a most ambitious project developed from an unpublished work by the late Ralph Hyde, augmented and completed over several years by Simon Morris and members of the Society, with biographical notes and supplementary material by Laurence Worms and an introduction by Peter Barber. The Society is most grateful for the contributions of Linda Fisher and Steve Hartley at Scorpion Creative in dealing with the challenges of copy-editing and designing such a complex publication.

London Parish Maps weighed in at 2.7kg which could have resulted in expensive courier delivery charges, compounded somewhat by the fact there was no AGM and thus no members would have been able to pick up their copy from the meeting venue. However, after an appeal in the May *Newsletter*, Simon Morris was able to organise an enlarged band of volunteers to deliver the publication and personal deliveries were made to several hundred members, usually arriving before those of the courier outside the Home Counties.

Personal annual publication deliveries have been taking place for many years, usually on a smaller scale. This is an opportunity to express the Society's gratitude to all those members who undertake distribution work year after year on our behalf. As one of the two-wheeled stalwarts said it's a good way of getting to know one's fellow members and local topography away from one's usual cycling routes.

Council meetings were held in January, April and September to discuss the Society's publications programme, membership, finances and general administration. For the first time, due to the pandemic, the April and September meetings were held remotely using Zoom technology.

The Society's total income for 2020 was £33,295 while expenditure came to £45,877. The main reason for the deficit was the Council's decision to increase spending on publication production to make the 2020 publication a fitting memorial to Ralph Hyde.

A grant of £500 was made to the Survey of London for the digitisation of first-edition Ordnance Survey maps of Whitechapel to be used in the Survey's two Whitechapel volumes (54 and 55 in the series).

During the year Hugh Cleaver resigned as the Society's Independent Examiner, a post he had held from 1988. The Society's new Hon. Examiner is Brenda Hawkins who audited the 2020 accounts.

During the year 87 new members joined the Society: at the end of 2020 there were 1351 paid-up members and two honorary members: HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, our Patron since 1952, and who sadly died in April 2021, and Hugh Cleaver.

The Society's website (www.londontopsoc.org), launched in July 2019, continued to provide a platform for membership applications. By mid-2020 it contained digital copies of all editions of the Society's *Newsletter*, first published in February 1975, and provided

digital access to Volumes II – XXIX of the *London Topographical Record*, the Society's journal, dating back to 1901, the first edition being titled the *Annual Record*.

The Society's *Newsletter* was published in May (No.90) and November (No.91) with articles ranging widely over London past and present.

No. 90: In *Parliament Square* David Harrison outlined its history and transformation from an area full of shops and dwellings to the 'desert' created in the early nineteenth century and the giant roundabout in the twentieth century. Sheila O'Connell explored what can be learnt of eighteenth century London from William Hogarth's work in *Hogarth's London*. The usefulness, or otherwise, of Fire Plugs in London was surveyed by Nigel Tattersfield in his article *In Case of Fire Break the Road*. Andrew Saint described an unexpected discovery in south London in *An Early Speculation in Lambeth by John Nash*. David Crawford continued his investigation of changes to London's historic industrial sites in *Wandsworth's Ram re-rampant*. A short article with photos, *Lockdown in London – some reactions*, recorded the impact Covid-19 was starting to have in the capital.

No. 91: David Gaylard described a new scheme that allowed LMA volunteer staff to work at home during the pandemic in *Volunteering for the London Metropolitan Archives during Covid-19*. In *A Walk through the City*, Mike Wicksteed explored the effects of lockdown. Ken Gowers wrote of the continuation of a twentieth-century tradition in *The Calendarium Londinense*, the London Almanac first produced by William Monk in 1903. *Changing London: Smithfield Market and the Museum of London* traced the battle to save the Smithfield Market buildings from redevelopment. Derek Morris and Ken Cousins continued their exploration of the diverse character of the East London waterfront in *St Katherine's before the Docks*. This edition of the *Newsletter* also contained an obituary for a former Hon. Secretary, Stephen Marks, who died aged 88 in May 2020 and whose work in the mid-1970s did much to establish the Society in the form it is today.

Book reviews covered a variety of subjects including London shopfronts, a history of Fulham Palace, Oxford Street in the Survey of London's Volume 53, British house names,

how animals make towns, London's ringways and a history of the Victoria Tower Gardens.

At the suggestion of members, the Council set up the Ann Saunders Essay Prize in honour of the late Dr Ann Saunders (1930-2019). A prize of £1000 will be awarded annually for an original and unpublished research essay on the topography, development or buildings of London in any period. It is hoped the first award will be made at the 2022 AGM.

Mike Wicksteed

Hon. Secretary

LONDON TOPOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 2020

| Income | 2020 | 2019 | Expenditure | 2020 | 2019 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ | | £ | £ |
| Subscriptions paid by members | 24,184 | 23,149 | Members' subscription publications | | |
| Income Tax from Covenants/Gift Aid | 4,566 | 4,189 | Cost of Production | 32,840 | 14,294 |
| Total subscription income | 28,750 | 27,338 | Cost of Distribution | 4,976 | 2,018 |
| Net profit from sales of Publications | 1,924 | 4,155 | Total cost of publications | 37,816 | 16,312 |
| Interest received | 1,100 | 1,324 | Newsletter | 5,524 | 5,392 |
| Grant: Scouloudi Foundation Gift | 1,250 | 1,250 | AGM (Not held in 2020 due to COVID-19) | | 1,188 |
| Sundry donations | 158 | 1,714 | Website (rebuilt in 2019) | 1,566 | 7,967 |
| Royalties received | 113 | 63 | Administration | 307 | 96 |
| Total Income for the year | 33,295 | 35,844 | GDPR expense | 164 | - |
| Deficit 2020/Surplus 2019 | 12,582 | 3,417 | Total Administration Costs | 7,561 | 14,643 |
| | | | Grant to Survey of London | 500 | - |
| | | | Grant to LMA | - | 1,472 |
| | | | Total expenditure for the year | 45,877 | 32,427 |

BALANCE SHEET 31 December 2020

| Assets | 2020 | 2019 | Liabilities | 2020 | 2019 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ | | £ | £ |
| Money in Bank & National Savings | 194,541 | 202,535 | Overseas members' postage | 260 | 220 |
| Advance payments | 2,903 | 4,873 | Subscriptions paid in advance | 6,100 | 5,012 |
| Value of Publication Stock | | | Possible Creditor | 3,600 | 3,600 |
| Stock at end of previous year | 4,561 | 7,336 | Total Liabilities | 9,960 | 8,832 |
| Additions to stock | 1,260 | 1,500 | Net Worth of the Society | 190,556 | 203,138 |
| Less Value of publications sold | 2,749 | 4,275 | Change in net worth | | |
| Value of stock at year end | 3,072 | 4,561 | Previous year's net worth | 203,138 | 199,721 |
| Total assets | 200,516 | 211,970 | Deficit 2020/Surplus 2019 | 12,582 | 3,417 |
| | | | End of year net worth | 190,556 | 203,138 |

These accounts were prepared by Roger Cline and were examined by the Society's new Independent Examiner Ms Brenda Hawkins who found no concerns in relation to them.

If you have any questions please address them to the Treasurer elect Anne Ramon (topsoc.treasurer@gmail.com) before the AGM.

London Topographical Society

Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

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 Act").

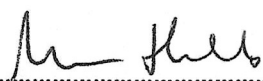
Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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 Charities 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 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 

Brenda Janice Hawkins BSc

Date 14 April 2020

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