

**THE DOROTHY L SAYERS SOCIETY
TRUSTEES' REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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The Dorothy L Sayers Society
Trustees' Annual Report
for the period 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022

The Committee of the Dorothy L Sayers Society ("the Society"), who are its Charity Trustees, present their Report, with the financial statements of the Society, for the year ended 30 September 2022.

A. Reference and administration details.

The name of the Society is **The Dorothy L Sayers Society**.

The registered charity number of the Society is **272120**.

The Society's principal address,

- (a) until 17 December 2021, was Gimsoms, King's Chase, Witham, Essex CM8 1AX, and
- (b) during the remainder of the period under report, and at the date this Report was approved by the Committee, was 30 Greenfield, Witham, Essex CM8 2FA.

The names of the Committee members / Charity Trustees and the offices held by them during the period under report were:

Seona Ford, Chair

Geraldine Perriam, Vice-Chair

Gregory Hill, Treasurer

Margaret Hunt, Membership Secretary

Jasmine Simeone, Bulletin Secretary

Gillian Thumpston, Publications Officer

Alison Hall, Archives Officer

Simon Medd, Convention Organiser

Richard Birkett, Sound Recordings and webmaster

Alan Jesson, Health and Safety Officer

Christopher Seymour, Events co-ordinator.

The Society has no custodian trustees or other "trustees for the charity".

The Society's Independent Examiner is **Donald Shankland**, Chartered Accountant.

B. Structure, governance and management

The Society's governing document is a set of **Rules adopted on 7 September 1976** and amended on 14 November 1987, 19 November 1994, 31 October 2009, 24 March 2010 and 1 November 2014.

The Society is constituted as an **unincorporated association**.

The members of the Committee (the Charity Trustees) **are elected by the members of the Society at each Annual General Meeting, and the Committee allocates the duties of the officers among its members.**

The Committee have reviewed the **risks** applicable to the Society and consider that adequate provision for them has been made by taking out public liability insurance and adopting financial precautions, and safeguarding, data protection, health and safety, and procurement policies.

C. Objectives and activities

The objects of the Society (Rules, r 2) are **the promotion and encouragement of education generally and in particular for the benefit of the public the study of the works of Dorothy L Sayers.**

During the year 2021-22, the Society was able to resume its usual activities, including in particular the annual Convention and other "in person" meetings, following the relaxation of the restrictions on meetings imposed because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The programme of on-line (Zoom) meetings also continued. As in previous years, the Society published Bulletins recording its activities and publicising other events and publications relating to the life and work of Miss Sayers, and made its archives available to scholars in that field. The Society also promoted education by providing scholarships for a student at the Royal College of Music and for apprentices at the Royal Opera House. It operates a website, <https://www.sayers.org.uk>, to disseminate information and news for non-members and with a section for members only.

Public Benefit

The Committee have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the operation of the Public Benefit requirement and are satisfied that the activities of the Society undertaken during the year meet the Public Benefit test.

D. Achievements and performance

The Committee consider that the Society's activities, as resumed following the Covid-19 pandemic and summarised in section C, have promoted interest in and wider knowledge of the works of Miss Sayers, by the public and among the Society's members. Members resident overseas or

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E. Financial review

- (a) to enable the Society to carry on its activities, and to undertake new projects when appropriate, with funds in hand, and
- (b) to ensure that if it should become necessary for the Society to cease to operate, funds would be available to discharge all its obligations.

The Society has no restricted or endowment funds.

F. Other optional information [Not used.]

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

Signed on behalf of the Society's Trustees:

Signatures:

[Original signed by Chair and Treasurer and dated 5 November 2022]

Full names **Seona M Ford**

Gregory J S Hill

Position	Chair
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Treasurer

Date

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF:
THE DOROTHY L SAYERS SOCIETY,
CHARITY NUMBER: 272120**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30th September 2022 which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity 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

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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 [*Original signed by Donald J Shankland and dated 2nd November 2022*]

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Name Donald J Shankland
Qualification Chartered Accountant
Address 'Caerlee', 4 Shaw Road, Milngavie, Glasgow G62 6LU
Date 2nd November 2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Year ended 30 September 2022

	Note:	Y/e 30/9/2022		Y/e 30/9/2021	
	1	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Subscriptions & Donations		6,921.50		6,533.90	
		<u>1,351.00</u>		<u>1,045.29</u>	
			8,272.50		7,579.19
Publications:					
<i>Love All; Taking Detective Stories Seriously; God, Hitler and Lord Peter Wimsey: sales</i>		742.06		639.17	
<i>Archives, other publications: sales</i>		1,089.24		1,234.60	
<i>Books sold second-hand</i>		<u>1,258.96</u>		<u>296.46</u>	
			3,090.26		2,170.23
Royalties: JSTOR		3,343.55	3,343.55		--
Activities:					
Convention 2022		13,807.31	13,807.31	10,969.40	
				<u>539.00</u>	11,508.40
Other activities:					
John Donne lecture & lunch, Lincoln's Inn		760.00			
DLSS Annual lecture, Witham		535.91			
<i>Busman's Honeymoon, The Mill at Sonning</i>		2,531.14			
<i>Love All, Jermyn Street Theatre</i>		<u>358.44</u>	4,185.49		0.00
Gift Aid					
To 15.8.22			£535.28		486.50
Interest – CCLA			£149.52		4.08
TOTAL RECEIPTS			<u>£33,383.91</u>		<u>21,748.40</u>

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT, year ended 30 September 2022

PAYMENTS	Note	2021-22		2020-21	
		£	£	£	£
Convention 2022:		9,355.75			
Univ. of Bristol		<u>5,312.75</u>	14,668.50	9,630.94	9,630.94
Speakers' expenses		106.65			
		212.00		210.00	
		<u>175.06</u>	493.71	608.00	818.00
Delegates' refunds paid		<u>330.00</u>	<u>330.00</u>		<u>6808.82</u>
			15,492.21		17,257.76
Other activities:					
<i>Sheddunnit</i> Speaker fee		100.00			
John Donne lecture & lunch, Lincoln's Inn		760.00			
DLSS Annual lecture, Witham		540.00		493.00	
<i>Busman's Honeymoon</i> , The Mill at Sonning		2,553.00			
<i>Love All</i> , Jermyn Street Theatre		<u>360.00</u>	4,313.00		493.00
Book publishing:					
TDSS; G,H&LPW (electronic versions)		36.00		36.00	
Royalties 2021 LA, TDSS & G,H&LPW		<u>44.82</u>	80.82	62.82	98.82
Bulletin (by post):					
Printing & labels		939.39		795.82	
Postage		<u>1,674.81</u>	2,614.20	1,603.24	2,399.06
Other postage & phone:					
Tippermuir, postage		4.80			
Membership Sec, postage		77.04			
Chair, postage		267.48			
Chair, phone		<u>240.00</u>	589.32	453.88	

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		£	£	£	£
Printing					
<i>Proceedings</i> 2021		404.04		293.40	
<i>Sidelights</i> LXVII		<u>167.40</u>	571.44		293.40
General expenses:					
Website		195.63		0.00	
Zettle equipment		273.60		0.00	
AGM 2022		0.00		316.00	
Insurance: public liability		254.00		274.00	
Insurance: DLS portrait		40.00			
Independent Examiner fee		0.00		0.00	
Sub, Alliance of Lit. Socs.		15.00		15.00	
Archive: storage &c		150.00		60.00	
Overpaid sub repaid		<u>0.00</u>		<u>20.00</u>	
			928.23		685.00
Awards:					
Music scholar 2022 (RCM)		750.00		750.00	
Theatre scholar		0.00		0.00	
Norah Lambourne Awards (ROH), 2020, 2021, 2022		2,250.00		0.00	
Young Lady Bellringer		<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	750.00
Total payments			£27,589.22		22,430.92
Total receipts			<u>£33,383.91</u>		(21,748.30)
Surplus / (Deficit) for year – in cash terms			<u>£5,794.69</u>		(682.52)

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 30 September 2022

ASSETS	Note	£	£
Total cash funds at 30 September 2021	1		47,692.23
Surplus / (Deficit) on Receipts & Payments a/c for y/e 30 September 2022			5,794.69
Cash assets at 30 September 2022			53,486.92
REPRESENTED BY:			
Cash at bank			19,751.63
COIF Charities deposit fund			33,188.95
Chair's float		146.34	
Bulletin Editor's float		<u>400.00</u>	<u>546.34</u>
Net cash assets at year end 30 September 2022			53,486.92
Other monetary assets:			nil
Liabilities:			
Convention 2019, balance re Mustard Club film		(168.00)	
Convention 2022, delegates' refunds		(390.00)	
G.M. Perriam, refund of website cost paid	2	*(273.56)	
St Anne's, AGM 2022	2, 3	<u>*(316.00)</u>	<u>(1,147.56)</u>

The Society also holds non-monetary assets:

- (a) Archives; portrait of DLS; and other memorabilia; used in furtherance of the Society's objects and considered to have no realisable financial value;
- (b) Stocks of publications and of second-hand books; held for sale and sale proceeds brought into accounts when received.

The Notes on page 9 form part of these financial statements.

[Original signed GJS Hill and dated 5 November 2022.]

GJS Hill
Treasurer,

2022

Notes to financial statements 2021-22

1. All sums in these Financial Statements relate to unrestricted funds; the Society has no restricted funds or endowment funds.
2. The liabilities marked with an asterisk have been paid since the end of the Society's accounting year.
3. Since the end of the Society's accounting year, a rail strike has been called for 5th November, and therefore it has been decided to conduct the AGM remotely. The authorities at St Anne's Church have agreed to cancel the Society's bookings for that date and to carry forward the £316.00 already paid as part payment for the AGM 2003, for which the Society is grateful.

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