

# JAMAICA SOCIETY (LEEDS)

England & Wales · Charity number 517636

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1987-02-18

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF LEEDS AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS (AND PARTICULARLY THOSE PERSONS OF JAMAICAN ORIGIN) AND IN PARTICULAR THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, SICKNESS AND DISTRESS, THE RELIEF OF THE ELDERLY AND INFIRM AND THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS.

**Activities:** Educational work shops advocacy provide venue for repass for funerals family & community events. Care group that supports members of the community who are unwell, visiting in hospitals and home settings. Joint northern regional networking events social events liaising with the Jamaican High Commission to provide legal guidance and support for members and the wider community.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** LEEDS AND SURROUNDING DISTRICTS
- Leeds City

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£61,670	£19,383	-	-
2024-04-30	£118,050	£179,540	-	-
2023-04-30	£349,251	£343,841	-	-
2022-04-30	£105,322	£92,207	-	-
2021-04-30	£64,664	£94,002	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Wendy Henry Ms</b>	Chair	2024-10-19
Angela Marie Eddison		2024-10-19
Carol Patterson		2025-03-15
Elaine Davin-Jones		2023-01-17
Hamlet Anthony Fothergill	Vice Chair	2023-06-18
Irene Henry		2014-03-01
Melody Walker		2024-10-19
Neville Winston Mcfarlane		2023-06-18
Rev Dorothy Stewart		2016-05-15
Theresa Condor		2023-06-18
Yvonne May English		2024-04-19

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# Accounts

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JAMAICA SOCIETY LEEDS

# Annual Report 2024-2025

Connecting Generations,  
Celebrating Heritage.



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## Trustees 2024-2025

<b>Chair</b>	Wendy Henry
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Hamlet Fothergill
<b>Treasurer</b>	Theresa Condor
<b>Secretary</b>	Melody Walker
<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	Carol Patterson
<b>Trustees</b>	Dorothy Stewart
	Yvonne English
	Neville McFarlane
	Angela Eddison
	Irene Henry

# Chairperson Message and Report

The 2024–25 financial and operational year marked a historic milestone for the Jamaica Society Leeds (JSL). For the first time in our 47-year history, the role of Chairperson has been entrusted to someone from the second generation - born in Britain and of Jamaican heritage. This moment reflects a profound transition: as we honour and bid farewell to many of the pioneering Windrush generation who founded JSL in 1977, we embrace a new chapter shaped by their legacy. It has been both an honour and a privilege to step into this role at such a pivotal time.

With a new Board of Trustees in place in October 2024, we embrace the mission of transforming JSL to become relevant to all generations whilst remaining true to its founding.

The Society remains committed to its objectives and delivering meaningful activities and support throughout 2024 - April 2025.

Our ongoing aim to foster connections, promote cultural understanding, and provide meaningful opportunities and assistance to people of all ages within our local community were reflected in the activities we delivered during this period and our approach to overcoming the challenges we had to face.

Under the direction of Susan Pitter, the Jamaica Society Leeds continued its commitment to community engagement through the ongoing King and Country exhibition, which remained on display in local libraries as part of the Out of Many Festival (OOMF) programme. In July 2024, OOMF presented its comprehensive evaluation document to the membership, highlighting key achievements of the festival. These included increased community participation, successful delivery of cultural heritage workshops, strengthened partnerships with local organisations, and enhanced visibility of Jamaican heritage within the wider Leeds community. These initiatives were supported by grants and formed a vital part of the Society's community projects over the year.

**Wendy Henry**  
Chairperson

# Achievements and Milestones

The period 2024 – April 2025 has seen important progress both in our community programmes and in the maintenance and improvement of our premises, Jamaica House. We have continued to build on the strong foundations of previous years, ensuring that our activities are inclusive, impactful, and responsive to the evolving needs of our community. Our achievements reflect a collective commitment to preserving our heritage, supporting our members, and ensuring our long-term sustainability.

A key priority this year was addressing the extensive repairs needed at Jamaica House following the impact of the pandemic. Although the COVID-19 crisis of 2020-2022 may feel like a distant memory, its effects continue to shape our work. The Society is still overcoming and resolving many of the challenges caused by that unprecedented disruption to life as we knew it.

## Building Improvements and Accessibility

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We completed essential repairs to the roof and balconies at the front and rear of the building. Holes allowing water damage have been sealed, ensuring safer access and helping to protect and preserve the building. These repairs have not only addressed immediate safety concerns but have also contributed to the preservation of Jamaica House as a vital community asset. By investing in the upkeep of our facilities, we are safeguarding a welcoming and accessible environment for all who use our space, now and into the future.



## Refurbishment and Office Space Rental

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A significant milestone during 2024 – April 2025 was the refurbishment of the first-floor office space at Jamaica House. The space has been fully renovated and prepared for rental, creating a new opportunity to generate income that will help sustain our charitable activities.

We have now handed the office space over to a letting agent and are hopeful that we will secure tenants in 2026. This achievement reflects our ongoing commitment to making the best use of our resources and ensuring the long-term financial health of the Society.

To further develop our capacity, we enlisted the services of an architect. Thanks to their expertise, we now have detailed designs for optimising our existing space, with a long-term vision to extend the building and improve accessibility for all. These developments also increase our potential to generate future income, strengthening our sustainability as a community asset.

## Responding to Environmental Challenges

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In December 2024, we faced significant setbacks caused by adverse weather of Storm Darragh. The storm led to damage in the neighbouring garden, including the loss of a large, iconic mature tree that had long been a feature of our outdoor space. Despite these challenges, the Society engaged professional tree surgeons to safely remove the fallen tree.

We are deeply grateful to our committed and dedicated members and trustees, including Mr Chambers, Mr Neville Gonzalas, (Members), Hamlet Fothergill and Neville McFarlane (Trustee's) who were present throughout this challenging period.

From the loss of this tree a new vision has emerged, the future plan is to create a memorial garden in memory of the Caribbean war veterans providing a tranquil space for reflection and community gatherings.

The resilience shown by our team and volunteers during this period is a testament to our commitment to maintaining a safe and nurturing environment for all.



# Our Purpose and Promise

*“Connecting Generations, Celebrating Heritage.”*

## Vision

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A united Leeds where Jamaican heritage is celebrated, inspiring cultural pride and empowering generations to thrive.

## Mission

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To preserve and share Jamaican culture, support wellbeing and education, and provide an inclusive space at Jamaica House where all generations can connect, learn, and grow together.

## Values

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<b>Heritage</b>	We honour and promote Jamaican culture and history.
<b>Community</b>	We create a welcoming space that brings people together.
<b>Respect</b>	We value diversity and treat everyone with dignity.
<b>Empowerment</b>	We support people of all ages to reach their potential.
<b>Collaboration</b>	We build partnerships to strengthen community impact.

As we look ahead, the Jamaica Society Leeds remains steadfast in its commitment to honouring our heritage while embracing the future. Guided by our refreshed Vision, Mission, and Values, we will continue to create spaces that connect generations, celebrate Jamaican culture, and empower our community to thrive. Together, we carry forward the legacy of those who came before us, ensuring that Jamaica House remains a beacon of pride, resilience, and unity for years to come.

# Activity Report

*"Together, we build on legacy and inspire tomorrow"*

## Community Events and Cultural Celebrations

We kicked started our new year with preparations and delivery of our Windrush Day activities and celebrations for the year.



## Windrush Day 2024: Celebrating Legacy, Inspiring Generations

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Windrush Day 2024 was nothing short of extraordinary for Jamaica Society Leeds, as we honoured the legacies of the Leeds Windrush generation with a vibrant programme of events that brought history to life and united our community in celebration. We worked in collaboration with the Leeds St Kitts and Nevis Association to put on the various activities.

The festivities began with a powerful school engagement programme, where nine interactive workshops reached over 350 pupils and teachers across five Leeds primary schools. Delivered by acclaimed arts practitioners Ansell Broderick and Khadijah Ibrahiim, these sessions blended storytelling, music, and performance to explore the experiences of Caribbean nurses in the NHS and raise awareness of sickle cell anaemia. Pupils were captivated by personal stories and cultural heritage, sparking curiosity and pride in the contributions of the Windrush generation.

Our “In Conversation with Windrush Generation Nurses” event at Leeds Central Library was an inspiring evening attended by 46 guests. Four pioneering nurses - Yvonne English, Dorothy Steward, Gloria Hanley, and Adora Maynard - shared heartfelt recollections of their careers and activism, highlighting their fight for health equality and their enduring impact on British healthcare. Hosted by award-winning poet and academic Malika Booker, the event featured an exhibition of photographs and memorabilia, creating a moving tribute to these trailblazers.

On Windrush Day itself, Jamaica House opened its doors for a spectacular community celebration. Over 200 people joined us for an afternoon of music, food, cultural pride and British sunshine, bringing a Caribbean feel to the hot day. Our guests – of all ages- filled our hall for the day cultural showcase and some sat outside in the sun; enjoying freshly prepared Jamaican and Kittian foods, drinks, good company and cultural entertainment. The Lord Mayor of Leeds, Councillor Abigail Marshall Katung - the first Lord Mayor of African descent - graced the occasion, underscoring its significance. Guests enjoyed performances by Pantones Steel Band, a soulful set from 15-year-old singer Claire Howarth, and electrifying spoken word from Khadijah Ibrahiim. DJ Fluid kept the energy high, while actor Joe Williams hosted with flair. Caribbean cuisine flowed freely, and a raffle featuring prizes donated by local businesses raised £194, adding to the day’s success.

The celebrations culminated in “An Evening with Alford Gardner”, honouring the last surviving Windrush passenger in Leeds. Over 115 attendees gathered for a documentary screening and a reading from *Finding Home: A Windrush Story*, co-authored by Alford and his son Howard Gardner. Though Alford was unable to attend, Howard led an engaging Q&A and book signing, supported by hosts Jason Allen-Paisant. This event was a poignant reminder of the resilience and vision of the Windrush pioneers.

From heartfelt conversations to joyous cultural showcases, Windrush Day 2024 embodied the spirit of connection, heritage, and gratitude. It was a proud moment for the Society and the Leeds community - a celebration of history that continues to inspire future generations.

## Windrush Day Project in Numbers

### School Workshops

- 9 interactive sessions delivered
- 5 primary schools engaged
- 350+ pupils and teachers reached

### In Conversation with Nurses

- 46 attendees
- £45.40 donations
- £45 in book sales

### Windrush Celebration Day at Jamaica House

- 200+ attendees
- £67.13 donations
- £100 in book sales
- £194 raised through raffle

### An Evening with Alford Gardner

- 115+ attendees
- £31.06 donations
- £580 in book sales (raising £180 for JSL)

### Total Attendance Across Events

- 360+ people

### Media Coverage

- Featured by BBC, Yorkshire Times, Lancashire Times, Leeds Inspired and The Voice Online



## Annual Independence Day Service 2024

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On Sunday, 5 August 2024, Jamaica Society Leeds hosted its annual Independence Service. This event brought together members of the Jamaican ok diaspora and the wider Leeds community to celebrate Jamaica's independence. The service included vibrant cultural performances, music, and reflections, creating a sense of unity and pride among attendees. Such events play a crucial role in strengthening community ties and celebrating our shared heritage, while also welcoming new friends and supporters to the Society.

## Care Group: Year-Round Care

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The Care Group, which is led by Theresa Condor (Trustees and Treasurer), has played a vital role in supporting members and friends of the Society throughout 2024 - April 2025. The group made 268 telephone calls, offering support and reassurance to individuals who were unwell, 28 calls were made to support families who were bereaved or experiencing loneliness, as well as to provide them with information about upcoming events in the community. This dedicated outreach helps members stay connected, combats loneliness and isolation, and ensures that everyone feels valued and included in the life of the Society.

## Intergenerational Christmas Carol Service 2024

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On 14 December 2024, we held our second annual Christmas Carol Service, which was very well attended with over 70 people filling the hall. The event featured prayers, carol singing, and readings, as well as reflections on Jamaican culture and heritage. The participation of both young and older members of our community made this a truly intergenerational occasion, fostering a sense of belonging and togetherness during the festive season. The carol service continues to be a highlight of our annual calendar, reinforcing the importance of cultural traditions and collective celebration.



## Fundraising Drive 2025

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We launched a fundraising drive to raise funds for activities around the fallen tree. We needed funds to inspect the remaining trees to ensure they are not at risk of falling due to storm damage or diseases. We raised over £1,400+ from our members and friends which went a long way to completing the inspection of the trees.

## Easter Tea Party 2025

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We concluded the year with a delightful Easter Tea Party on 19 April 2025 - a stylish and joyful occasion that brought our community together in celebration. The event was filled with laughter, lively conversation, and plenty of opportunities for everyone to connect, share stories, and enjoy the festive atmosphere."



## Looking Ahead

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Building on these milestones, we have ambitious plans for the coming year. We are preparing to launch the Golden Connections Social Club and expand our Caribbean Memories Lunches, both of which will support the wellbeing of senior citizens and provide new opportunities for social interaction and cultural exchange.

We are also excited to introduce the 'Rise to Success' afterschool programme, aimed at empowering young people through educational support, mentorship, and skills development.

Our Maroon Support Centre is aimed at, providing advice and advocacy on Caribbean-related issues and offering support to members and the wider community.

We remain committed to fostering cross - cultural understanding through diverse events and collaborative partnerships, making our facilities accessible for wider community use, and securing more funding to sustain and grow our work.

Our long - term vision includes the creation of an intergenerational space a quiet, reflective memorial garden that is also an explorative and inquisitive environment for all ages to experience and enjoy together.

## Community Benefits

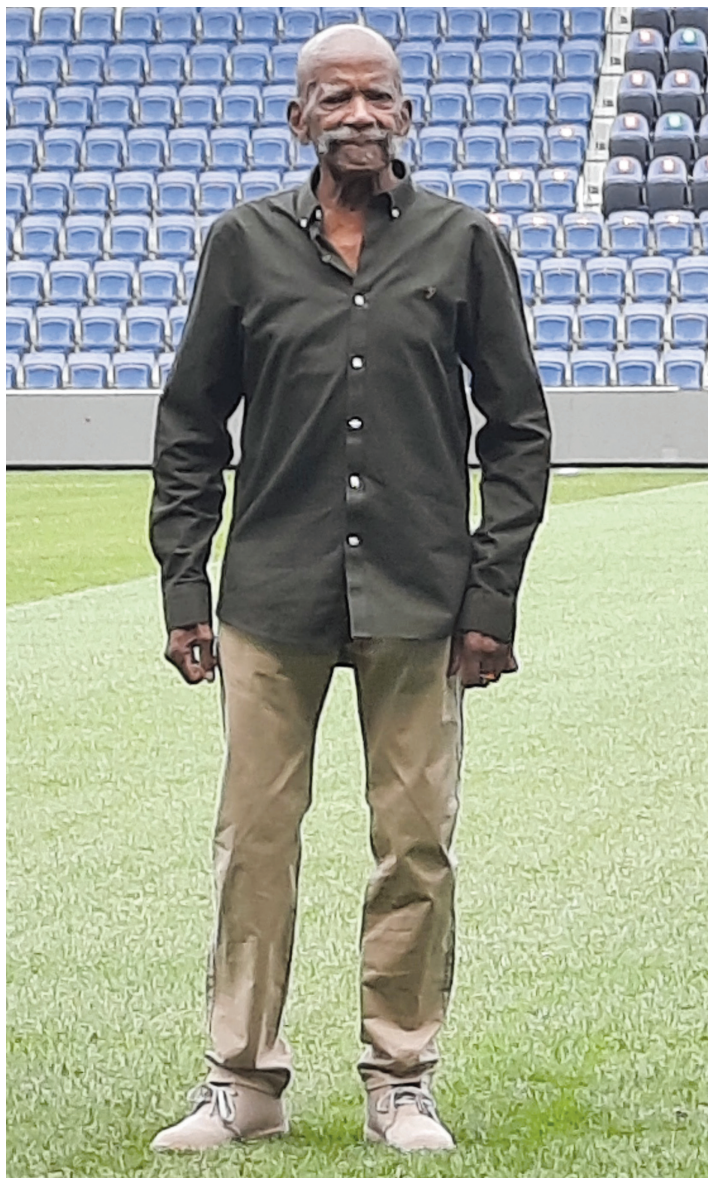
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All our work remains focused on delivering significant benefits, promoting inclusion, cultural connection, and wellbeing across our diverse community.

The support of our members, partners, and funders has been invaluable, enabling us to overcome challenges and achieve lasting positive impact. We are proud of the progress made during 2024 - April 2025 and look forward to building on these achievements as we continue to serve and uplift the Jamaica Society Leeds community.

# Tribute to Alford Dalrymple Gardner

12 January 1926 – 1 October 2024



On 1 October 2024, we lost Alford Gardner, one of the last surviving passengers of the MV Empire Windrush and a towering figure in the history of Leeds' Caribbean community.

Alford's life was a testament to resilience, courage, and vision. Returning to Britain in 1948 after serving as ground crew in the RAF from 1944, he helped lay the foundations for a vibrant Jamaican and wider Caribbean presence in Leeds - a legacy that continues to enrich our city today. Alford was not only a pioneer but also the founder of the Leeds Caribbean Cricket Club, one of the oldest Caribbean organisations in Leeds. Through this club, he created a space for camaraderie, cultural pride, and sporting excellence, strengthening community bonds for generations.

He was a storyteller, an advocate, and a custodian of history. His book *Finding Home: A Windrush Story*, co-authored with his son Howard Gardner, captures his remarkable journey and the experiences of the Windrush generation. He was interviewed for the Jamaica Society Leeds' history book, *A Journey Through Our History*, anchoring the story in the experience of a Windrush passenger in the emergence of the Jamaican community in Leeds. As Alford once said:

*"We came with hope, and we built a life.  
Our story is Britain's story too."*

In June 2024, Jamaica Society Leeds had the privilege of honouring Alford during our Windrush Day celebrations, making him an honorary member of the Society in recognition of his foundational role in shaping our community. His passing marks the end of an era, but his spirit lives on in the work we do and in the lives he touched.

We extend our deepest condolences to his family and loved ones and pledge to continue preserving the legacy he helped create. Rest in power, Alford Gardner - your journey will forever inspire ours.

# Financial Statement

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**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**277, Chapeltown Road, Leeds, LS7 3HA**

**Financial Statements**  
**For The Year Ended 30 April 2025**

**Independent Examiner's Report to The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**

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I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Jamaica Society (Leeds) for the year ended 30 April 2025.

**Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

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As the 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**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Society as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Name: Syed Zahid Ali

Date: 12 December 2025

Address: 10 Dewar Close, Collingham, Wetherby LS22 SJR

# The Jamaica Society (Leeds)

## Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

### Income and Grants

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
<b>Donations and Grants</b>				
ACE Festival		10,000	10,000	6,701
Tree Fund Donation	1,488	-	1,488	-
Renewal & Membership (New)	572	-	572	335
Church Service Collections/Donations	150	-	150	100
Donations - Members	949	-	949	1,590
Membership Monthly Dues	2,562	-	2,562	1,354
Senior Citizen Members Donations	-	-	-	201
Other Donations - Members	44	-	44	-
Miscellaneous Donations	-	-	-	35
Leeds Inspired	-	-	-	1,431
Leeds City Council	300	-	300	150
NLHF & Associated Activities	-	7,700	7,700	46,230
Leeds Culture Trust	-	-	-	4,000
Windrush 75 Project	-	-	-	34,982
Leeds Fund Strategy	-	15,000	15,000	-
Windrush General Legacy	-	15,660	15,660	-
Refund of Professional Fees	1,900	-	1,900	-
<b>Donations and Grants Total</b>	<b>7,965</b>	<b>48,360</b>	<b>56,325</b>	<b>112,109</b>
<b>Other Activities</b>				
Book and Tie Sales	1,096	-	1,096	845
Social Functions	658	-	658	1,420
Use of Hall	2,000	-	2,000	1,637
Trips	955	-	955	751
Raffle	351	-	351	45
Yoga	-	-	-	180
<b>Other Activities Total</b>	<b>5,060</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,060</b>	<b>4,878</b>
<b>Investments</b>				
Deposit Account Interest	285	-	285	1,063
<b>Income Grand Total</b>	<b>13,310</b>	<b>48,360</b>	<b>61,670</b>	<b>118,050</b>

## The Jamaica Society (Leeds) Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

### Expenditure

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
<b>Relating to the Work of The Jamaica Society</b>				
Printing, Postage & Stationery	540	-	540	839
Van/Coach Hire/Travelling	909	-	909	870
Lighting and Heating	2,742	-	2,742	1,520
General Rates/Water Rates	1,889	-	1,889	1,414
Telephone	1,250	-	1,250	1,223
Repairs & Maintenance	2,946	-	2,946	1,937
Accountancy Fees	400	-	400	500
Books	400	-	400	-
Waste Disposal	1,858	-	1,858	1,767
Insurance	3,535	-	3,535	3,020
Cleaning	600	-	600	-
Benevolence - Care Group	464	-	464	582
- Tea Party/Supper	-	-	-	793
- Snr Citizens/Childrens Party	-	-	-	496
Fire Protection/Homeguard	536	-	536	150
Yoga	-	-	-	180
Social Fund	90	-	90	521
Church Service	224	-	224	358
Loan Repayment	1,000	-	1,000	-
Bond Refunds	-	-	-	100
Bid Writing Services	-	-	-	579
<b>Relating to the Work of The Jamaica Society</b>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 9,383</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,383</b>	<b>16,849</b>

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## The Jamaica Society (Leeds) Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30 April 2025

### Expenditure *continued*

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
<b>Expenditure on Restricted Projects</b>				
National Lottery Heritage Fund	-	-	-	2,030
Leeds Fund Strategy	-	9,215	9,215	8,500
Windrush 75 Project	-	-	-	34,982
Windrush General Legacy	-	15,660	15,660	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	3,000
ACE Festival	-	9,300	9,300	36,741
Community Foundation	-	-	-	11,834
Leeds Inspired	-	-	-	1,200
National Lottery Heritage Fund OOMF	-	10,910	10,910	64,404
	-	<b>45,085</b>	<b>45,085</b>	<b>162,691</b>
<b>Expenditure Grand Total</b>	<b>19,383</b>	<b>45,085</b>	<b>64,468</b>	<b>179,540</b>
<b>Income Grand Total</b>	<b>13,310</b>	<b>48,360</b>	<b>61,670</b>	<b>118,050</b>
<b>Transfer in/(out)</b>	<b>6,485 -</b>	<b>6,485</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,453</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>412 -</b>	<b>3,210</b>	<b>- 2,798</b>	<b>- 55,037</b>

# The Jamaica Society (Leeds)

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30 April 2025

### Cash at Bank and in Hand

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
Deposit Account		-	-	-	625
Current Account		1,403	7,007	8,410	5,866
Restricted Fund Account		-	17,545	17,545	22,262
		<b>1,403</b>	<b>24,552</b>	<b>25,955</b>	<b>28,753</b>

### Represented By:

Reserves at 1 May 2024				28,753	83,790
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year				- 2,798	- 55,037
				<b>25,955</b>	<b>28,7533</b>

### Other Assets Held for the Unrestricted Use of The Jamaica Society Leeds

Fixed Assets	3	6,662			
Property	4	1,398,680			

The attached notes on page 6 form part of these financial statements

Approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on  
and signed on its behalf by

Trustee

Trustee

# The Jamaica Society (Leeds)

## Notes to The Financial Statements at 30 April 2025

### Notes to The Financial Statements

1. The financial statements of The Jamaica Society (Leeds) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 2008 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were.

	Bal B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Bal C/fwd
<b>Restricted</b>					
Leeds Culture Trust	7,700	-	-	- 4,000	3,700
National Lottery Heritage Fund	4,796	-	-	-	4,796
ACE Project	4,278	-	-	- 4,278	0
Community Foundation	2,316	-	-	-	2,316
ACE Festival	- 4,747	10,000	9,300	4,903	856
Leeds Inspired	- 1,050	-	-	-	- 1,050
Leeds Fund Strategy	5,500	15,000	9,215	-	11,285
NLHF & Associated Activities	8,969	7,700	10,910	- 3,110	2,649
Windrush General Legacy	-	15,660	15,660	-	-
	<b>27,762</b>	<b>48,360</b>	<b>45,085</b>	<b>- 6,485</b>	<b>24,552</b>

3. Assets held for the unrestricted use of The Jamaica Society (Leeds) are valued at cost less depreciation calculated at 25% on a reducing balance basis.

	Fixtures Fittings	Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
<b>Cost</b>	<b>12,400</b>	<b>13,635</b>	<b>1,148</b>	<b>27,183</b>
<b>Description</b>				
Brought Forward	8,477	9,321	785	18,583
Depreciation for Year	981	1,079	121	2,180
Carried Forward	9,458	10,400	906	20,763
<b>Net Book Value</b>				
At 30 April 2024	3,923	4,314	484	8,721
At 30 April 2025	2,943	3,235	484	6,662

4. The freehold property at 277 Chapeltown Road, Leeds, LS7 3H A is shown at the insurance re-instatement valuation.

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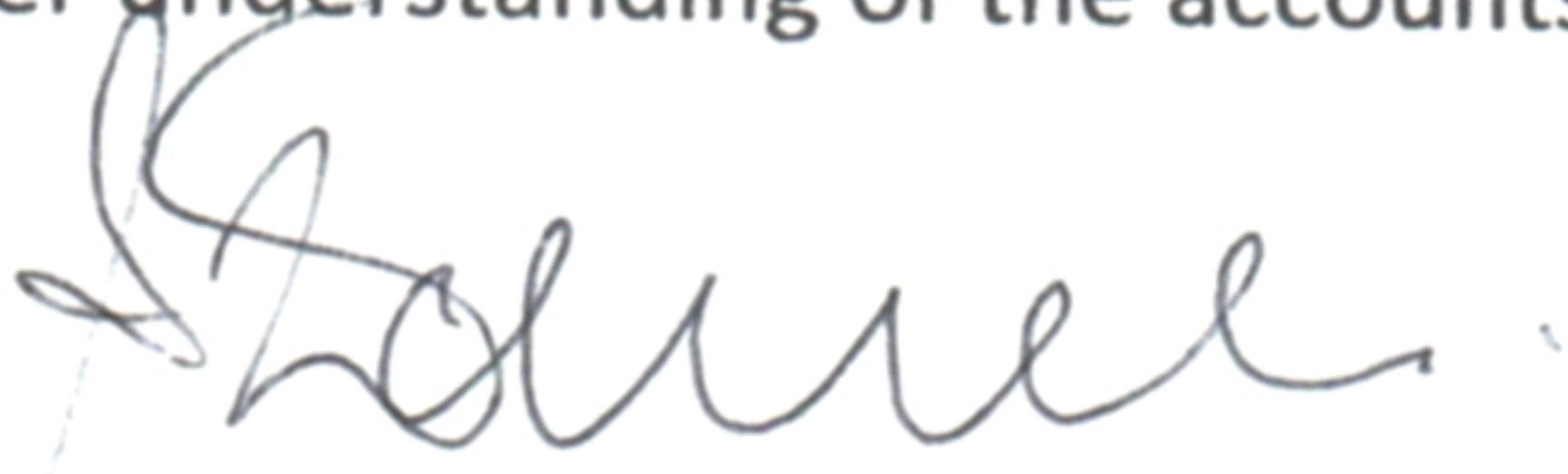
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Name: SYED ZAHID ALI  
Date: 12 DECEMBER 2025

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Wetherby LS22 5JR

**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30 April 2025**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
			2025	2024
<b>Income and Grants</b>				
<b><i>Donations and Grants</i></b>				
ACE Festival		10,000	10,000	6,701
Tree Fund Donation	1,488	-	1,488	-
Renewal & Membership (New)	572	-	572	335
Church Service Collections/Donations	150	-	150	100
Donations - Members	949	-	949	1,590
Membership Monthly Dues	2,562	-	2,562	1,354
Senior Citizen Members Donations	-	-	-	201
Other Donations - Members	44	-	44	-
Miscellaneous Donations	-	-	-	35
Leeds Inspired	-	-	-	1,431
Leeds City Council	300	-	300	150
NLHF & Associated Activities	-	7,700	7,700	46,230
Leeds Culture Trust	-	-	-	4,000
Windrush 75 Project	-	-	-	34,982
Leeds Fund Strategy	-	15,000	15,000	15,000
Windrush General Legacy	-	15,660	15,660	-
Refund of Professional Fees	1,900	-	1,900	-
<b><i>Donations and Grants Total</i></b>	<b>7,965</b>	<b>48,360</b>	<b>56,325</b>	<b>112,109</b>
<b><i>Other Activities</i></b>				
Book and Tie Sales	1,096	-	1,096	845
Social Functions	658	-	658	1,420
Use of Hall	2,000	-	2,000	1,637
Trips	955	-	955	751
Raffle	351	-	351	45
Yoga	-	-	-	180
<b><i>Other Activities Total</i></b>	<b>5,060</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,060</b>	<b>4,878</b>
<b><i>Investments</i></b>				
Deposit Account Interest	285	-	285	1,063
<b>Income Grand Total</b>	<b>13,310</b>	<b>48,360</b>	<b>61,670</b>	<b>118,050</b>

**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30 April 2025**

Expenditure	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
			2025	2024
<b>Relating to the Work of The Jamaica Society</b>				
Printing, Postage & Stationery	540	-	540	839
Van/Coach Hire/Travelling	909	-	909	870
Lighting and Heating	2,742	-	2,742	1,520
General Rates/Water Rates	1,889	-	1,889	1,414
Telephone	1,250	-	1,250	1,223
Repairs & Maintenance	2,946	-	2,946	1,937
Accountancy Fees	400	-	400	500
Books	400	-	400	-
Waste Disposal	1,858	-	1,858	1,767
Insurance	3,535	-	3,535	3,020
Cleaning	600	-	600	-
Benevolence - Care Group	464	-	464	582
- Tea Party/Supper	-	-	-	793
- Snr Citizens/Childrens Party	-	-	-	496
Fire Protection/Homeguard	536	-	536	150
Yoga	-	-	-	180
Social Fund	90	-	90	521
Church Service	224	-	224	358
Loan Repayment	1,000	-	1,000	-
Bond Refunds	-	-	-	100
Bid Writing Services	-	-	-	579
<b>Relating to the Work of The Jamaica Society Total</b>	<b>19,383</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,383</b>	<b>16,849</b>
<b>Expenditure on Restricted Projects</b>				
National Lottery Heritage Fund	-	-	-	2,030
Leeds Fund Strategy	-	9,215	9,215	8,500
Windrush 75 Project	-	-	-	34,982
Windrush General Legacy	-	15,660	15,660	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	3,000
ACE Festival	-	9,300	9,300	36,741
Community Foundation	-	-	-	11,834
Leeds Inspired	-	-	-	1,200
National Lottery Heritage Fund OOMF	-	10,910	10,910	64,404
	-	45,085	45,085	162,691
<b>Expenditure Grand Total</b>	<b>19,383</b>	<b>45,085</b>	<b>64,468</b>	<b>179,540</b>
<b>Income Grand Total</b>	<b>13,310</b>	<b>48,360</b>	<b>61,670</b>	<b>118,050</b>
<b>Transfers in/(out)</b>	<b>6,485</b>	<b>- 6,485</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,453</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>- 3,210</b>	<b>2,798</b>	<b>- 55,037</b>

**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30 April 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
				2025	2024
<b>Cash at Bank and in Hand</b>					
Deposit Account		-	-	-	625
Current Account		1,403	7,007	8,410	5,866
Restricted Fund Account		-	17,545	17,545	22,262
		<u>1,403</u>	<u>24,552</u>	<u>25,955</u>	<u>28,753</u>
<b>Represented By:</b>					
Reserves at 1 May 2024				28,753	83,790
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year				- 2,798	- 55,037
				<u>25,955</u>	<u>28,753</u>

**Other Assets Held for the Unrestricted Use of The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**

Fixed Assets	3	6,662
Property	4	1,398,680

The attached notes on page 6 form part of these financial statements.

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**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
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- The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Bal B/fwd</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Bal C/Fwd</b>
Leeds Culture Trust	7,700	-	-	4,000	3,700
National Lottery Heritage Fund	4,796	-	-	-	4,796
ACE Project	4,278	-	-	4,278	0
Community Foundation	2,316	-	-	-	2,316
ACE Festival	- 4,747	10,000	9,300	4,903	856
Leeds Inspired	- 1,050	-	-	-	1,050
Leeds Fund Strategy	5,500	15,000	9,215	-	11,285
NLHF & Associated Activities	8,969	7,700	10,910	- 3,110	2,649
Windrush General Legacy	-	15,660	15,660	-	-
	<u>27,762</u>	<u>48,360</u>	<u>45,085</u>	<u>- 6,485</u>	<u>24,552</u>

- Assets held for the unrestricted use of The Jamaica Society (Leeds) are valued at cost less depreciation calculated at 25% on a reducing balance basis.

	<b>Fixtures Fittings</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Computer Equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<u>12,400</u>	<u>13,635</u>	<u>1,148</u>	<u>27,183</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
Brought Forward	8,477	9,321	785	18,583
Depreciation for Year	981	1,079	121	2,180
Carried Forward	<u>9,458</u>	<u>10,400</u>	<u>906</u>	<u>20,763</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>				
At 30 April 2024	<u>3,923</u>	<u>4,314</u>	<u>484</u>	<u>8,721</u>
At 30 April 2025	<u>2,943</u>	<u>3,235</u>	<u>484</u>	<u>6,662</u>

- The freehold property at 277 Chapeltown Road, Leeds, LS7 3HA is shown at the insurance re-instatement valuation.

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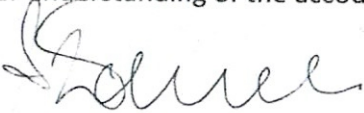
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Date: 12 DECEMBER 2025

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**JAMAICA SOCIETY (LEEDS)**

England & Wales - Charity number 517636

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# Accounts

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**Charity Commission Submission 23-24**  
**Charity Number: 517636**

# **Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**

## **Year ended 30 April 2024**

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### Trustees 2023-2024

Dorothy Stewart	Chair
Theresa Condor	Treasurer – Trustee
Wendy Henry	Trustee
Hamlet Fothergill	Trustee
Irene Henry	Trustee

### Executives

Joyce Baxter  
Neville McFarlane  
June Wood-Green

### Independent Financial Examiner

Syed Zahid Ali  
Address: 20 Oaklands Avenue, Leeds LS16 8NR

## Trustees Annual Report 2023-2024

### Introduction

Jamaica Society Leeds was established in 1977, it was created by first-generation Jamaicans to promote Jamaican heritage and support the Leeds community. After years of effort, the society opened Jamaica House in 1989, which serves as a hub for cultural, social, and charitable activities.

### Objectives and Activities

The Society is dedicated to advancing education, relieving poverty, supporting the elderly, and improving the quality of life in the community, particularly for those of Jamaican origin. With a focus on inclusion, the Society works to empower individuals, engage youth, aid seniors, and support local artists. It provides cultural activities and works to preserve the heritage of Jamaicans in Leeds and the impact on the UK as a whole through educational activities, large-scale and small events and creative engagement activities. It also emphasises sustainability, including initiatives like a community garden.

### Achievements and Projects

- **Out of Many Festival**

2023 saw the culmination of the Society's much lauded **Out of Many Festival**. The ambitious festival of Jamaican culture, heritage and community narratives was launched in 2022 to mark 60 years of Jamaican independence and culture supported by ring fenced funding from a range of funders including Arts Council England, the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Leeds City Council, Leeds Civic Trust as well as sponsorship from Leeds 2023 and others.

Across 18 months, the acclaimed Festival attracted over 190,000 audience members to events staged by the Society and Festival partners.

The final events to be held in 2023/24 were.

**It's A Wrap Reggae Party (May 2023)** - the final of a trilogy of productions charting the history and heritage of Jamaican music featuring renown artists, community contributors and sharing of Festival outcomes.

**For King Country & Home Exhibition and Community pop ups (April - November 2023)** exploring the lives of Jamaican WW2 RAF veterans and their

families and how they shaped the foundations of the city's contemporary Black community.

**Rebellion to Romance Book Launch (June 2023)** - an event to launch the book which captured the Rebellion to Romance exhibition content and themes.

**Rebellion to Romance Pop Up Exhibitions (Summer 2023)** - mini pop-up versions in community library locations reflecting the main exhibition at Leeds Central Library which explored the impact of Jamaican culture on second generation West Indians coming of age in 70s and 80s Leeds. The exhibition went on to be featured in the city's Leodis photographic archive.

The Society's Windrush 75 celebrations citywide poster installations programme was a legacy of the festival's initial programming content held in summer 2023.

- **Celebrating Windrush 75**

The Jamaica Society Leeds delivered the celebratory project, '**Here: Windrush 75 Leeds**' in partnership with the St Kitts and Nevis Association Leeds project. 'Here: Windrush 75 Leeds' was a significant initiative to celebrate and educate the public on the contributions of the Windrush Generation, past and present, who made the city of Leeds their home. With the support of the Windrush Day Grant Scheme (WDGS), the project engaged a wide audience through exhibitions, educational workshops, and cultural events.

### **Project Achievements and Reach**

#### **Public Engagement through Billboards**

- The project successfully installed **75 large-scale portraits** of members of the Windrush Generation on billboards across **15 locations** in Leeds.
- **Elderly community member from the Windrush generation** were taken on a special guided tour of the billboards around Leeds to see the billboards of themselves, friends, family and spouses.
- **Over 850,000 people reached indirectly** through these billboards and an **estimated 1 million people reached** through social media, and national and regional media coverage.

#### **Educational Workshops in Schools**

- **6 workshops** delivered in **4 primary schools**, engaging over **450 pupils and teachers** using theatre-in-education methodology to educate children about the Windrush generation story.
- Sessions included **storytelling and arts activities** with Windrush elders and artists, fostering direct intergenerational learning.

- **Impact:** 90% of pupils reported learning something new about the Windrush generation.

## Cultural Events

- **Two major Windrush 75th Anniversary events** were held, attended by a diverse audience, including city officials and Windrush elders.
- **Windrush Day launch event:** On Thursday 22 June 2023 at lunch time, we had **the official launch of the billboards** at Kirkgate Market on a digital screen with performances and speeches, book signing and a light Caribbean cuisine. The event was attended by an intergenerational audience, local councillors and politicians. We attracted over 150 people at this event.
- The **Windrush 75 Cultural event at Jamaica House** to celebrate 75 years since the arrival of the MV Empire Windrush which marked the rise of Caribbean people migrating to the UK. The celebrations included cultural performances from Leeds based professional artists (poets, theatre makers, heritage creators, singers and musicians including steel pan players). **Over 300 people attended** with food and drink from Jamaica and St. Kitts & Nevis.

## Social Media & Press Coverage

- **Facebook:** 30,000 views, 1,400 followers.
- **Twitter:** 67,000 impressions, 1,714 profile visits.
- **Instagram:** 1,400 likes.
- **BBC News Online:** Estimated **500,000 – 2 million** reach.
- **BBC Look North:** Estimated **1 million** reach.
- **Yorkshire Evening Post:** 25,000 readers.
- **BBC Leeds Radio:** Estimated **100,000 listeners**.
- **Billboard Displays:** Reached an estimated **500,000 viewers**.

## Community Inclusion

- The project engaged participants from various age groups, faiths, and marginalized communities.
- Special efforts were made to involve **women, the elderly, and schoolchildren** from outside traditional Caribbean community areas.
- Activities reached over **2,000 people directly in person or online**.

## Volunteer & Partnership Contributions

- **14 volunteers** contributed significantly to project execution.
- **2 paid freelancers** coordinated activities.
- **Two external organizations** collaborated to support the project including billboard supplier, Pop Art.
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## Unexpected Outcomes & Lessons Learned

- The project received **unexpected in-kind support from JC Decaux**, a leading digital billboard provider.
- **Feedback from the public about the billboard was largely positive.** No instances of vandalism occurred, despite initial concerns.
- **Stronger engagement with billboard companies and the local authority** further enhanced the project's impact.

## Legacy & Future Plans

- An **online gallery** serves as a lasting digital archive of the Windrush Generation in Leeds.
- Continued promotion of the gallery during key events like **Black History Month** ensures ongoing engagement.
- Plans are in place to **seek further funding** to extend similar initiatives.

## Conclusion

'**Here: Windrush 75 Leeds**' successfully honoured the Windrush Generation, educated the public, and fostered a sense of pride in Caribbean contributions to British society. Through a combination of **public art, education, and cultural programming**, the project reached an expansive audience and made a lasting impact.

### • **Independence Anniversary Social**

On Saturday 5th August 2023, The Jamaica Society Leeds hosted the Independence Anniversary Social at Jamaica House to celebrate Jamaica's Independence. Over 60 guests join us for a lovely evening supper and drinks with a warm Jamaican rum flavour. The evening featured music of yesteryear of Jamaican and UK-Jamaican culture from ska, rocksteady, reggae, dub, lovers rock, dancehall and roots music. We held our annual Independence Church Service at the St Aidan's Church on Sunday 6 August 2023.

### • **Care Group: Befriending Activities**

The Society's Care Group Activities continued throughout the year with visits and phone calls to our elderly, sick and housebound. We ensure that members of our community especially the elderly and vulnerable are supported to reduce isolation and provide them with the cultural fellowship they need. We continued to send flowers and cards to those who have lost loved ones or are sick.

**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**277, Chapeltown Road, Leeds, LS7 3HA**  
**Financial Statements**  
**For The Year Ended 30 April 2024**

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Name: Syed Zahid Ali  
Date: 17 May 2024

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**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30 April 2024**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
			2024	2023
<b>Income and Grants</b>				
<b><i>Donations and Grants</i></b>				
ACE Festival	-	6,701	6,701	44,108
National Lottery Heritage Fund	-	-	-	6,761
Community Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
Renewal & Membership (New)	335	-	335	117
Church Service Collections/Donations	100	-	100	200
Donations - Members	1,590	-	1,590	-
Membership Monthly Dues	1,354	-	1,354	1,501
Senior Citizen Members Donations	201	-	201	613
Other Donations - Members	-	-	-	1,995
Miscellaneous Donations	35	-	35	25
Leeds Inspired	-	1,431	1,431	-
Leeds City Council	-	150	150	-
NLHF & Associated Activities	-	46,230	46,230	273,273
Leeds Culture Trust	-	4,000	4,000	-
Windrush 75 Project	-	34,982	34,982	-
Leeds Fund Strategy	-	15,000	15,000	-
Loan Member	-	-	-	2,500
<b><i>Donations and Grants Total</i></b>	<b>3,615</b>	<b>108,494</b>	<b>112,109</b>	<b>341,093</b>
<b><i>Other Activities</i></b>				
Eulogy Project Book Sales	845	-	845	120
Ball Night	-	-	-	4,762
Social Function - Queens Jubilee	-	-	-	255
Social Functions	1,420	-	1,420	1,188
Use of Hall	1,637	-	1,637	1,580
Trips	751	-	751	-
Sale of Ties	-	-	-	5
Raffle	45	-	45	104
Yoga	180	-	180	60
<b><i>Other Activities Total</i></b>	<b>4,878</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,878</b>	<b>8,074</b>
<b><i>Investments</i></b>				
Deposit Account Interest	1,063	-	1,063	84
<b>Income Grand Total</b>	<b>9,556</b>	<b>108,494</b>	<b>118,050</b>	<b>349,251</b>

**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30 April 2024**

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<b>Expenditure</b>				
<i>Relating to the Work of The Jamaica Society</i>				
Post/Print/Stationery	839	-	839	1,041
Van/Coach Hire/Travelling	870	-	870	-
Lighting and Heating	1,520	-	1,520	1,560
General Rates/Water Rates	1,414	-	1,414	1,771
Telephone	1,223	-	1,223	946
Repairs & Maintenance	937	1,000	1,937	3,361
Accountancy Fees	500	-	500	400
Ball Night	-	-	-	5,053
Waste Disposal	1,767	-	1,767	1,753
Insurance	3,020	-	3,020	2,987
Cleaning	-	-	-	60
Benevolence - Care Group	582	-	582	657
- Tea Party/Supper	643	150	793	-
- Snr Citizens/Childrens Party	496	-	496	496
Fire Protection/Homeguard	150	-	150	2,333
Yoga	180	-	180	360
Social Fund	521	-	521	841
Church Service	358	-	358	863
Bond Refunds	100	-	100	300
Bid Writing Services	579	-	579	-
<b>Relating to the Work of The Jamaica Society Total</b>	<b>15,699</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>16,849</b>	<b>24,781</b>
<i>Expenditure on Restricted Projects</i>				
National Lottery Heritage Fund	-	2,030	2,030	5,571
Leeds Fund Strategy	-	8,500	8,500	-
Windrush 75 Project	-	34,982	34,982	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	3,000	3,000	-
ACE Festival	-	36,741	36,741	52,377
Community Foundation	-	11,834	11,834	5,850
Leeds Inspired	-	1,200	1,200	9,131
National Lottery Heritage Fund OOMF	-	64,404	64,404	246,130
	-	162,691	162,691	319,059
<b>Expenditure Grand Total</b>	<b>15,699</b>	<b>163,841</b>	<b>179,540</b>	<b>343,840</b>
<b>Income Grand Total</b>	<b>9,556</b>	<b>108,494</b>	<b>118,050</b>	<b>349,251</b>
<b>Transfers in/(out)</b>	<b>6,453</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,453</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>- 55,347</b>	<b>- 55,037</b>	<b>5,411</b>

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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30 April 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
				2024	2023
<b>Cash at Bank and in Hand</b>					
Deposit Account		625	-	625	625
Current Account		366	5,500	5,866	3,056
Restricted Fund Account		-	22,262	22,262	80,109
		991	27,762	28,753	83,790
<b>Represented By:</b>					
Reserves at 1 May 2023				83,790	78,380
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year				- 55,037	5,410
				28,753	83,790

**Other Assets Held for the Unrestricted Use of The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**

Fixed Assets	3	8,721
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Leeds Culture Trust	3,700	4,000	-	-	7,700
National Lottery Heritage Fund	6,826	-	2,030	-	4,796
ACE Project	4,278	-	-	-	4,278
Community Foundation	14,150	-	11,834	-	2,316
Leeds City Council	-	150	150	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund	3,000	-	3,000	-	-
ACE Festival	25,293	6,701	36,741	-	4,747
Leeds Inspired	- 1,281	1,431	1,200	-	1,050
Windrush 75 Project	-	34,982	32,482	2,500	-
Leeds Fund Strategy	-	15,000	9,500	-	5,500
NLHF & Associated Activities	27,143	46,230	60,451	3,953	8,969
	<u>83,109</u>	<u>108,494</u>	<u>157,388</u>	<u>6,453</u>	<u>27,762</u>

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<b>Depreciation</b>				
Brought Forward	7,169	7,883	664	15,716
Depreciation for Year	<u>1,308</u>	<u>1,438</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>2,867</u>
Carried Forward	<u>8,477</u>	<u>9,321</u>	<u>785</u>	<u>18,583</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>				
At 30 April 2023	<u>5,231</u>	<u>5,752</u>	<u>484</u>	<u>11,467</u>
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**JAMAICA SOCIETY (LEEDS)**

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# Accounts

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## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2023**

Members, friends, ladies and gentlemen - a truly warm welcome to you all as we come together to celebrate another year of work, pleasure and family togetherness at this Annual General Meeting of the Society in 2023.

As we celebrate a full year with the tragedy of Covid behind us, it is indeed good to be here. We continue to cope with the ongoing loss of so many beloved members.

## **CARE GROUP REPORT APRIL 2023**

The Jamaica Society Care Group is made up of a group of members within the society, who have volunteered their services, to befriend and visit our Elderly members in their homes, along with other members and friends within the wider community who are ill, or housebound. Visits are also made to Care Homes, Hospitals and hospices, to help reduce isolation and loneliness. In addition, we also support members and friends who are bereaved.

Since Covid there has been a very slow return in getting back to full normality, as many of our members are elderly and frightened to leave their homes or accept visits. Therefore, our Care Group members keep in touch by phone, or send a "Thinking of you Card" and occasionally ring and let them know that there is a bunch of flowers or fruits outside their door.

Feedback received:

"They look forward to the telephone calls to get any updated information on the Society, along with sharing the banter and colloquial phrases which create so much laughter, as it reminds them of home, helps them feel better, and gives them a buzz. They do appreciate the flowers/fruit received from the Society, and always end with "May the Good Lord continue to bless the Jamaica Society and its Members".

When any members/friends are reported ill, in hospital, deceased, or members who we have not seen for a long time, appropriate cards are sent to wish individuals a speedy recovery along with a bouquet of flowers/plant. Condolence cards are sent to families expressing our sympathy for the loss of their loved ones. Unfortunately, we have lost a few of our Members and Friends during the year. May

their soul Rest in Peace and rise in glory. They are: Mr Lincoln Cole, Mr Neville Atkins, Mr Keith Armstrong, Mr Watson, Mrs Murrant, Mr Terry Hutchinson, Mr Ben Jarrett.

We have also formed very strong links with The Irish Health and Homes organization over the years, where both Groups have supported/attended each other's functions and really enjoy and appreciate each other company and Social Events.

Theresa Condor  
Care Group Co-Ordinator

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT 2023**

Greetings to all our members and friends of the Jamaica Society. I take this opportunity to say "Thank You" for your continuous support over these past difficult years. As you are aware that 2020-2022 were challenging times for everyone due to Covid'19 pandemic which had affected both our activities and resources.

We have seen a decline in our membership due to ill-health, or bereavement, and some members are unable to venture outdoors.

The Jamaica Society holds their Monthly Meeting every third Sunday of each Month and the Executive Meeting every 2nd Thursday of each month.

Post covid '19 I can honestly say that we have bounced back and have started holding events. I can report what we have achieved in the past year and present. Members are kept in the loop about things that are important to them. this can be through a telephone contact, letter or an email. We are resilient and the Society is moving forward from strength to strength.

In May 2022 We launched the Out of Many Festival which lasted throughout the year, and Celebrated 60 Years of Jamaican Independence. On May 24th Curator Susan Pitter held a reception at the Leeds Central Library that was well attended with all the funding sponsors and many dignitaries present.

On the 3rd June 2022, to mark the late Queen's 70th Platinum Jubilee, we held a outdoor social event at Jamaica House, this was well supported and

we had lovely weather. Next was our Annual Charity Ball in the summer, this was held at the Hilton Hotel. Those who supported it had a wonderful event. It was an auspicious occasion.

On August 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 the Society hosted Mawnin Emancipation Day, a breakfast event. Well, if you missed it, you missed out on something that was really good. It was an early start and we had good attendance with members of the community.

On August 7th 2022 - We held our 60th Independence Service at St. Aidan's Church, the theme was - One People - Blessed by God. Our speaker was the Rev Carl Ramsay. On September 18th we were invited to the St. Kitts & Nevis Independence Service our General Meeting was postponed enabling members to attend. Members from their organization have always supported our Independence Service.

The Rebellion to Romance exhibition at the Leeds Central Library was a natural progression from the 2019 Eulogy Project on first-generation Jamaicans of Leeds. It started with a series of events, showcasing at the Leeds Playhouse. Members were kept informed and updated of the events, as featured in the booklet.

On October 11th 2022 The Rugby League World Cup 2022 commenced. The Jamaican Reggae Warriors held a Reception at the Leeds Civic Hall. The Chairperson and three members of the executive were invited.

In October the Society started Yoga classes for the able and less able to promote one's physical and social well-being. In a calm, relaxing and meditative atmosphere, this is currently ongoing on Saturdays, 2-3pm, with our class Tutor Bianca,

On November 8th 2022 a very special event was held at Leeds Central Library which was attended by King Charles. Several members and friends of the Society and community leaders were invited to the reception. The event was featured on our Regional News and in the local newspapers.

In November the Society held our first Digital Inclusion Training for all members, to learn IT skills, to gain knowledge for beginners and the more advanced. On December 10th 2022 - Our senior citizen Christmas Dinner took place and it was very successful. Unfortunately, the Childrens' Christmas party was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances,

April 1st 2023 was a very great moment in history as it commemorated the contribution of over 4000 Caribbean WW2 Servicemen, the majority of whom were from Jamaica. A Plaque was unveiled at a private residence in Filey, as a result of the generosity of the house' owners. It was organised by Farr family and assisted by the Out of Many Festival Curator Susan

Pitter. There were seven surviving servicemen present. Several Society members attended along with members from other associations.

On April 8th 2023 we held our Easter Supper fundraising event at Jamaica House. It was very successful.

The Society is currently looking at ways to develop and improve our Jamaica House. We continue to stay positive and to provide the best service we can offer to provide more social events and to fundraise.

Finally, my sincere thanks to everyone who is involved with the Society, "Our Yard", for their time and energy. Many thanks to those who have gone over and above to make it what it is. As we continue to put the best out for our Society, I wish the Society a very successful year ahead.

Thank you.

June Wood,  
Secretary to the Jamaica Society (Leeds).

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**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**277, Chapeltown Road, Leeds, LS7 3HA**  
**Financial Statements**  
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### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

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

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<b><i>Donations and Grants</i></b>				
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Community Foundation	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
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Church Service Collections/Donations	200	-	200	-
Donations - Members	-	-	-	-
Membership Monthly Dues	1,501	-	1,501	769
Senior Citizen Members Donations	613	-	613	-
Other Donations - Members	1,995	-	1,995	50
Miscellaneous Donations	25	-	25	-
Leeds Inspired	-	-	-	9,000
Wades Trust	-	-	-	3,000
National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	19,800
NLHF & Associated Activities	-	273,273	273,273	-
Leeds Culture Trust	-	-	-	12,000
Loan Member	2,500	-	2,500	-
<b><i>Donations and Grants Total</i></b>	<b>13,712</b>	<b>327,381</b>	<b>341,093</b>	<b>104,645</b>
<b><i>Other Activities</i></b>				
Eulogy Project Book Sales	120	-	120	-
Ball Night	4,762	-	4,762	-
Social Function - Queens Jubilee	255	-	255	-
Social Functions	1,188	-	1,188	-
Jam Nat Reg Council	-	-	-	-
Use of Hall	1,580	-	1,580	640
Trips	-	-	-	-
Sale of Ties	5	-	5	-
Rent BHI	-	-	-	-
Raffle	104	-	104	30
Yoga	60	-	60	-
<b><i>Other Activities Total</i></b>	<b>8,074</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,074</b>	<b>670</b>
<b><i>Investments</i></b>				
Deposit Account Interest	84	-	84	7
<b>Income Grand Total</b>	<b>21,870</b>	<b>327,381</b>	<b>349,251</b>	<b>112,436</b>

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Expenditure	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
			2023	2022
<b>Relating to the Work of The Jamaica Society</b>				
Post/Print/Stationery	1,041	-	1,041	332
Van/Coach Hire/Travelling	-	-	-	82
Lighting and Heating	1,560	-	1,560	1,497
General Rates/Water Rates	1,771	-	1,771	1,811
Telephone	946	-	946	688
Repairs & Maintenance	3,361	-	3,361	946
Accountancy Fees	400	-	400	750
Ball Night	5,053	-	5,053	500
Waste Disposal	1,753	-	1,753	1,399
Insurance	2,987	-	2,987	2,761
Cleaning	60	-	60	45
Benevolence - Care Group	657	-	657	1,074
- Charities	-	-	-	-
- Snr Citizens/Childrens Party	496	-	496	-
Fire Protection/Homeguard	2,333	-	2,333	468
Yoga	360	-	360	-
Social Fund	841	-	841	-
Church Service	863	-	863	-
Bond Refunds	300	-	300	-
<b>Relating to the Work of The Jamaica Society Total</b>	<b>24,782</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,782</b>	<b>12,353</b>
<b>Expenditure on Restricted Projects</b>				
Eulogy Project	-	-	-	-
Leeds Cultural Trust	-	-	-	11,100
National Lottery Heritage Fund	-	5,571	5,571	8,822
ACE Project	-	-	-	-
Phoenix Fund	-	-	-	9,304
Wades Trust	-	-	-	3,000
National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	31,529
ACE Festival	-	52,377	52,377	14,950
Community Foundation	-	5,850	5,850	-
Leeds Inspired	-	9,131	9,131	1,150
National Lottery Heritage Fund OOMF	-	246,130	246,130	-
	-	<b>319,059</b>	<b>319,059</b>	<b>79,855</b>
<b>Expenditure Grand Total</b>	<b>24,782</b>	<b>319,059</b>	<b>343,841</b>	<b>92,207</b>
<b>Income Grand Total</b>	<b>21,870</b>	<b>327,381</b>	<b>349,251</b>	<b>105,322</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>- 2,912</b>	<b>8,322</b>	<b>5,410</b>	<b>13,115</b>

**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30 April 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
				2023	2022
<b>Cash at Bank and in Hand</b>					
Deposit Account		625		625	625
Current Account		56	3,000	3,056	5,968
Restricted Fund Account			80,109	80,109	71,787
		<u>681</u>	<u>83,109</u>	<u>83,790</u>	<u>78,380</u>
<b>Represented By:</b>					
Reserves at 1 May 2022				78,380	65,265
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year				5,410	13,115
				<u>83,790</u>	<u>78,380</u>

**Other Assets Held for the Unrestricted Use of The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**

Fixed Assets	3	11,467
Property	4	1,060,000

The attached notes on page 6 form part of these financial statements.

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Leeds Culture Trust	3,700	-	-	-	3,700
National Lottery Heritage Fund	12,397	-	5,571	-	6,826
ACE Project	4,278	-	-	-	4,278
Phoenix Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Community Foundation	10,000	10,000	5,850	-	14,150
Wades Trust	-	-	-	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
ACE Festival	33,563	44,108	52,377	-	25,293
Leeds Inspired	7,850	-	9,131	-	1,281
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<b>Depreciation</b>				
Brought Forward	5,425	5,966	502	11,893
Depreciation for Year	<u>1,744</u>	<u>1,917</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>3,823</u>
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<b>Net Book Value</b>				
At 30 April 2022	<u>6,975</u>	<u>7,669</u>	<u>646</u>	<u>15,290</u>
At 30 April 2023	<u>5,231</u>	<u>5,752</u>	<u>484</u>	<u>11,467</u>

4. The freehold property at 277 Chapeltown Road, Leeds, LS7 3HA is shown at the insurance re-instatement valuation.

**JAMAICA SOCIETY (LEEDS)**

England & Wales - Charity number 517636

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**17th February 2023**

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## **Jamaica Society Annual Report. Year ending 2021-2022**

### **History**

Jamaica Society Leeds, founded in 1977, continues to deliver the vision of the founding members by promoting a culture that enhances community unity, strength, determination, education, and personal growth. The range of activities provided by the organisation includes: Health Promotion, Educational Workshops, Black History Classes, Repasts following funerals, Legal Advice, Charity Ball and Awards, plus end of year celebrations for members of the community.

The objectives of founder members would have been difficult to achieve without our volunteers believing in the principals of inclusion, participation, innovation, inter-generational and inter-agency collaboration.

Jamaica society continues to work with a range of organizations, both within the private and voluntary sector, who have been incredibly supportive to date. Over the years they have included: Business in the Community, TD Direct Investing, Leeds Community Foundation, Voluntary Action Leeds, John P Tempest Funeral Services, Gooding's Funeral Service, Creative Print, Grace Foods, Jamaica National Bank, Victoria Building Society, Heritage Fund, Leeds Irish Health and Homes, Leeds City council and others.

We have appreciated the support that we have had over the years from diverse community organizations that have attended our events, plus the support and encouragement from the Jamaican High Commission in London and the Northern Region which stretches from the midlands to include Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Working with a range of old and new partners continues to be a positive experience, for the members of the society and the community. We

continue to work and liaise with the Jamaica National Regional Northern Council, and the wider Diaspora.

Interagency working has helped with enhancing our knowledge of the Community Public Health Agenda and how we as an organization, can contribute towards promoting overall community health and wellbeing.

Many of our founding members are now frail or have passed away but we are determined to continue working together and not let their hard work of creating Jamaica Society Leeds be forgotten.

The lack of meetings during Covid has had a severe effect on our finances and we have lost two years of contributions which is evident in our financial report.

Our first post covid social event was really well attended and one felt the hunger for the fellowship of our community. Unfortunately, soon after this took place we went into another lockdown due to the Covid variants that sprang up. Our vulnerable membership were again confined to their homes. During this time we acquired a social care worker who did sterling work reaching out to those in need and providing substantial social connections to keep us in connection with each other.

## **Events 2021-2022**

August 2021 - Welcome back social event

November 2021 - Elderly activities events

November 2021 - Intergenerational activities events

December 2021 - Senior citizen's Christmas dinner

December 2021 - Children's Christmas party

December 2021 - Art unveiling event

## **Out Of Many Project**

As we came out of the final restrictions, we launched our current awards programme and secured a major grant from the Lottery's Heritage Fund and Arts Council England, supported by various local organisations and Leeds City Council, to provide a local, national and international programme of events under the heading of Out Of Many, which is part of the national motto of Jamaica. This project demonstrates the progress of the second generation of Caribbean people in Leeds. The proposed programme of events which included local, national, and international presenters; was indeed ambitious and has been incredibly successful to date, with overseas presentations which included the English and

Jamaican Poet Laureates in conversation and celebrating the work of musicians well loved by the seniors of the community.

## **Future**

We strive to engage more volunteers to our organisation. Together we will endeavour to utilise our skills to enhance our infrastructures and provide a service for the evolving needs of the local community. We acknowledge the importance of our actions today, impacting on the future generations of tomorrow.

Proposals for a visioning, ambition setting and planning seminar for executives, which will (this has taken place):

- Explore the legacy of the Out Of Many Festival and how arts, culture and heritage can be embedded in the work of the organisation.
- Work out what the society would like to achieve in the next 3 years in terms of programming and activities.
- Agree the content of an activities plan for next 3 years. We have the services of a proven funding application manager.
- Agree the programme of activities the Society will fundraise for, including fundraising activities.
- Address the Society's fundraising emergency situation to prevent future financial risks thereby safeguarding the financial future of the Society.

Dorothy Stewart

Irene Henry

Sandra Simpson

**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**277, Chapeltown Road, Leeds, LS7 3HA**  
**Financial Statements**  
**For The Year Ended 30 April 2022**

**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30 April 2022**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	2021
<b>Income and Grants</b>				
<b>Donations and Grants</b>				
ACE Festival		50,000	50,000	-
National Lottery Heritage Fund		-	-	8,190
Community Foundation		10,000	10,000	-
Renewal & Membership (New)	26		26	-
Church Service Collections/Donations			-	-
Donations - Members			-	80
Membership Monthly Dues	769		769	-
Senior Citizen Members Donations			-	-
Other Donations - Members	50		50	130
Miscellaneous Donations			-	100
Leeds Inspired		9,000	9,000	-
Wades Trust		3,000	3,000	-
GFC Phoenix Grant		-	-	10,000
National Lottery Community Fund		19,800	19,800	23,295
ACE Covid Emergency Grant		-	-	22,316
National Lottery Heritage Covid Grant		-	-	41,200
Leeds Culture Trust		12,000	12,000	6,000
<b>Donations and Grants Total</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>103,800</b>	<b>104,645</b>	<b>111,311</b>
<b>Other Activities</b>				
Eulogy Project Book Sales			-	600
Ball Night			-	-
Jam Nat Reg Council			-	75
Use of Hall	640		640	-
Trips			-	-
Sale of Ties			-	-
Rent BHI			-	-
Raffle	30		30	-
Eulogy Project Book Sales			-	450
<b>Other Activities Total</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>1,125</b>
<b>Investments</b>				
Deposit Account Interest	7	-	7	-
<b>Income Grand Total</b>	<b>1,522</b>	<b>103,800</b>	<b>105,322</b>	<b>112,436</b>

**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30 April 2022**

Expenditure	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
			2022	2021
<b>Relating to the Work of The Jamaica Society</b>				
Annual Report	-	-	-	-
Post/Print/Stationery	332	-	332	1,589
Van/Coach Hire/Travelling	82	-	82	-
Lighting and Heating	1,497	-	1,497	969
General Rates/Water Rates	1,811	-	1,811	1,625
Telephone	688	-	688	519
Repairs & Maintenance	946	-	946	3,141
Accountancy Fees	750	-	750	350
Ball Night	500	-	500	-
Waste Disposal	1,399	-	1,399	1,301
Insurance	2,761	-	2,761	1,539
Cleaning	45	-	45	907
Flowers/Wreaths	-	-	-	-
Benevolence - Care Group	1,074	-	1,074	634
- Charities	-	-	-	120
- Snr Citizens/Childrens Party	-	-	-	-
Fire Protection/Homeguard	468	-	468	504
Preston School Fund	-	-	-	-
Innovation Project	-	-	-	-
Eulogy Book Sales	-	-	-	-
GFC Phoenix Project	-	-	-	746
National Lottery Project	-	-	-	72
<b>Relating to the Work of The Jamaica Society Total</b>	<b>12,353</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,353</b>	<b>14,016</b>
<b>Expenditure on Restricted Projects</b>				
Eulogy Project	-	-	-	5,277
Leeds Cultural Trust	-	11,100	11,100	3,200
National Lottery Heritage Fund	-	8821.57	8,822	13,262
ACE Project	-	-	-	15,013
Phoenix Fund	-	9,304	9,304	-
Wades Trust	-	3,000	3,000	-
National Lottery Community Fund	-	31,529	31,529	-
ACE Festival	-	14,950	14,950	-
Community Foundation	-	-	-	-
Leeds Inspired	-	1,150	1,150	-
	-	79,855	79,855	36,752
<b>Expenditure Grand Total</b>	<b>12,353</b>	<b>79,855</b>	<b>92,207</b>	<b>50,768</b>
<b>Income Grand Total</b>	<b>1,522</b>	<b>103,800</b>	<b>105,322</b>	<b>112,436</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>- 10,830</b>	<b>23,945</b>	<b>13,115</b>	<b>61,668</b>

**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30 April 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
				2022	2021
<b>Cash at Bank and in Hand</b>					
Deposit Account		625		625	624
Current Account		2,968	3,000	5,968	36,345
Restricted Fund Account			71,787	71,787	28,296
		<u>3,593</u>	<u>74,787</u>	<u>78,380</u>	<u>65,265</u>
<b>Represented By:</b>					
Reserves at 1 May 2021				65,265	3,597
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year				13,115	61,668
				<u>78,380</u>	<u>65,265</u>

**Other Assets Held for the Unrestricted Use of The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**

Fixed Assets	3	15,290
Property	4	1,060,000

The attached notes on page 6 form part of these financial statements.

**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**Notes to The Financial Statements at 30 April 2022**

**Notes to The Financial Statements**

1. The financial statements of The Jamaica Society (Leeds) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 2008 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Bal C/Fwd
<b>Restricted</b>					
Leeds Culture Trust	2800	12000	-11100		3700
National Lottery Heritage Fund	21218	0	-8822		12396
ACE Project	4278	0	0		4278
Phoenix Fund	9254	0	-9304	50	0
Community Foundation	0	10,000	0		10000
Wades Trust	0	3000	-3000		0
National Lottery Community Fund	23223	19800	-31529	-8494	3000
ACE Festival	0	50000	-14950	-1488	33563
Leeds Inspired	0.00	9000.00	-1150		7850
	<u>60,773</u>	<u>103,800</u>	<u>-79,855</u>	<u>-9,932</u>	<u>74,787</u>

3. Assets held for the unrestricted use of The Jamaica Society (Leeds) are valued at cost less depreciation calculated at 25% on a reducing balance basis.

	Cost	Depreciation	Net Book Value
Fixtures & Fittings	12,400	5,425	6,975
Equipment	13,635	5,966	7,669
Computer Equipment	1,148	502	646
	<u>27,183</u>	<u>11,893</u>	<u>15,290</u>

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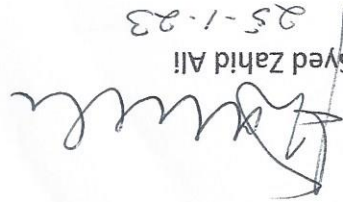
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:   
Name: Syed Zahid Ali  
Date: 25-1-23

Address: 20 Oaklands Avenue, Leeds, LS16 8NR

**JAMAICA SOCIETY (LEEDS)**

England & Wales - Charity number 517636

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# Accounts

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**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
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**Financial Statements**  
**For The Year Ended 30 April 2021**

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Name: Syed Zahid Ali

Address: 20 Oaklands Avenue, Leeds, LS16 8NR

Date: 03 November 2021

**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30 April 2021**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
			2021	2020
<b>Income and Grants</b>				
<b><i>Donations and Grants</i></b>				
Leeds City Council Grant	-	-	-	150
National Lottery Heritage Fund	-	8,190	8,190	36,272
The Church Urban Fund	-	-	-	7,000
Renewal & Membership (New)	-	-	-	379
Church Service Collections/Donations	-	-	-	74
Donations - Members	80	-	80	135
Membership Monthly Dues	-	-	-	1,121
Senior Citizen Members Donations	-	-	-	155
Other Donations - Members	130	-	130	50
Miscellaneous Donations	100	-	100	-
GFC Phoenix Grant	10,000	-	10,000	-
National Lottery Community Fund	23,295	-	23,295	-
ACE Covid Emergency Grant	-	22,316	22,316	-
National Lottery Heritage Covid Grant	-	41,200	41,200	-
Leeds Culture Trust	-	6,000	6,000	-
<b><i>Donations and Grants Total</i></b>	<b>33,605</b>	<b>77,706</b>	<b>111,311</b>	<b>45,336</b>
<b><i>Other Activities</i></b>				
Eulogy Project Book Sales	600	-	600	3,920
Ball Night	-	-	-	7,187
Jam Nat Reg Council	75	-	75	90
Use of Hall	-	-	-	1,200
Trips	-	-	-	1,308
Sale of Ties	-	-	-	17
Rent BHI	-	-	-	1,786
Eulogy Project	-	-	-	2,900
Eulogy Project Book Sales	-	450	450	885
<b><i>Other Activities Total</i></b>	<b>675</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>19,293</b>
<b><i>Investments</i></b>				
Deposit Account Interest	-	-	-	35
<b>Income Grand Total</b>	<b>34,280</b>	<b>78,156</b>	<b>112,436</b>	<b>64,664</b>

**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30 April 2021**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
			2021	2020
<b>Expenditure</b>				
<b>Relating to the Work of The Jamaica Society</b>				
Annual Report	-	-	-	245
Post/Print/Stationery	1,589	-	1,589	1,383
Van/Coach Hire/Travelling	-	-	-	2,087
Lighting and Heating	969	-	969	1,771
General Rates/Water Rates	1,625	-	1,625	1,706
Telephone	519	-	519	535
Repairs & Maintenance	3,141	-	3,141	989
Accountancy Fees	350	-	350	350
Social Fund	-	-	-	540
Jam Nat Reg Council	-	-	-	290
Sundries	-	-	-	50
Ball Night	-	-	-	6,004
Church Service	-	-	-	796
Waste Disposal	1,301	-	1,301	1,939
Insurance	1,539	-	1,539	1,368
Cleaning	907	-	907	458
Flowers/Wreaths	-	-	-	40
Benevolence - Care Group	634	-	634	596
- Charities	120	-	120	200
- Snr Citizens/Childrens Party	-	-	-	600
Fire Protection/Homeguard	504	-	504	54
Preston School Fund	-	-	-	100
Innovation Project	-	-	-	200
Eulogy Book Sales	-	-	-	885
GFC Phoenix Project	746	-	746	-
National Lottery Project	72	-	72	-
<b>Relating to the Work of The Jamaica Society Total</b>	<b>14,016</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,016</b>	<b>23,186</b>
<b>Expenditure on Restricted Projects</b>				
Eulogy Project	-	5,277	5,277	70,816
Leeds Cultural Trust	-	3,200	3,200	-
National Lottery Heritage Fund	-	13,262	13,262	-
ACE Project	-	15,013	15,013	-
	<b>-</b>	<b>36,752</b>	<b>36,752</b>	<b>70,816</b>
<b>Expenditure Grand Total</b>	<b>14,016</b>	<b>36,752</b>	<b>50,768</b>	<b>94,002</b>
<b>Income Grand Total</b>	<b>34,280</b>	<b>78,156</b>	<b>112,436</b>	<b>64,664</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>20,264</b>	<b>41,404</b>	<b>61,668</b>	<b>- 29,338</b>

**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30 April 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
				2021	2020
<b>Cash at Bank and in Hand</b>					
Deposit Account		624		624	624
Current Account		36,345		36,345	2,952
Restricted Fund Account		-	28,296	28,296	21
		<u>36,969</u>	<u>28,296</u>	<u>65,265</u>	<u>3,597</u>

**Represented By:**

Reserves at 1 May 2020				3,597	32,935
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year				61,668 -	29,338
				<u>65,265</u>	<u>3,597</u>

**Other Assets Held for the Unrestricted Use of The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**

Fixed Assets	3	27,183			12,400
Property	4	1,060,000			

The attached notes on page 6 form part of these financial statements.

**The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**  
**Notes to The Financial Statements at 30 April 2021**

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2. The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Bal C/Fwd
<b>Restricted</b>					
Eulogy Project	21	8640	-5277	-3384	0
Leeds Culture Trust	0	6000	-3200	0	2800
National Lottery Heritage Fund	0	41200	-13262	-6720	21218
ACE Project	0	22316	-15013	-3025	4278
	<u>21</u>	<u>78,156</u>	<u>-36,752</u>	<u>-13,129</u>	<u>28,296</u>

3. Assets held for the unrestricted use of The Jamaica Society (Leeds) are valued at cost less depreciation calculated at 25% on a reducing balance basis.

	Cost	Depreciation	Net Book Value
Fixtures & Fittings	12,400	3,100	9,300
Equipment	13,635	3,409	10,226
Computer Equipment	1,148	287	861
	<u>27,183</u>	<u>6,796</u>	<u>20,387</u>

4. The freehold property at 277 Chapeltown Road, Leeds, LS7 3HA is shown at the insurance re-valuation.

# **JAMAICA SOCIETY (LEEDS)**

## **Trustees Annual Report**

**Name:** Jamaica Society Leeds

**Registration No:** 517636

**Address:** 277 Chapeltown Road, Leeds, LS7 3HA

**Trustees:** I Henry, S Simpson, P Patterson

**Structure:** Membership of the organisation is open to persons of Jamaican origin and descent and friends of Jamaicans who are inhabitants of Leeds and its surrounding district. The organisation is managed by a committee of 12 – 14 persons called the Executive Committee consisting of:

**Officers:** Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary,

**Others:** 3 Trustees, 6-7 other committee members and /or co-opted persons as situations require to a maximum of 15.

**Management of Organisation:** The Executive committee is elected annually, with the exception of Trustees who serve for 3 years to maintain continuity. Trustees are elected from the membership. The Executive meets monthly for business planning and decision making. These are reported to the membership at meetings every 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month for their information and decisions as appropriate.

### **Activities and objectivities 2020 – 2021**

The Jamaica Society Leeds (JSL) new financial year began the second month into the global pandemic. Most of our activities were cancelled. However, a skeletal Care group team ensured that our elderly members were supported during the lockdown.

We applied for emergency support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) and the Arts Council England (ACE). Both funding sources provided support for professional fees to deliver the activities and direct costs for these activities. The NLHF and ACE covid emergency funds met most general JSL running costs as follows:

### **Care and Support of Members and Friends**

The JSL was still able to serve its community during the period of the lockdown and achieve some significant milestones. A group of 4 members of the Executive shared a full list of members and friends who they telephoned on a weekly basis to offer verbal support and to check on their wellbeing. Another member of the Executive who worked at a supermarket took on the role of doing shopping when and where required. After telephoning the intended

recipient she would place shopping on the doorstep and retreat to a distance to ensure covid rules were observed as the person collected the shopping.

### **Covid Compliance and Preparation for Reopening of Jamaica House**

Covid risk assessment/review

Purchase of PPE, hand sanitizers, and cleaning materials

Deep sanitization, social distancing signage.

Facilitating socially distanced outdoor events - purchase of marquees, garden clearing and access

### **Digital Connectivity**

Executive members received Zoom and database training

Purchase of additional Zoom subscription to support board meetings

### **Organisational Functionality**

Purchase of large format printer for home working and print distribution during lockdown

Board governance training

### **Marketing & Audience Engagement**

Consultation exercises to explore member and audience expectations and perceptions.

Continued social media and online presence- this included the development of Back to Life online gallery which turned black and white photos of the Windrush generation to colour.

This was well received by both the public and members.

### **Archive/Heritage Preservation**

Purchase of archival storage pockets for storage of heritage outputs from the Eulogy project delivered in 2019.

Heritage toolkits for distribution to members and friends on how to look after keepsakes, photos and other memorabilia.

Transcription of oral history interviews gathered.

### **New Developments**

In addition, Leeds 2023 R&D Challenge Fund Grant supported extensive audience consultation by phone and letter around the Society's ambitions for cultural and heritage programming in 2022.

### **Additional Fundraising**

Additional fundraising was also done to raise funds to strengthen the work of our Care Group as the lockdown was extended and to get Jamaica House up to code following an Inspection from Leeds City Council.

JSL was awarded grants from Phoenix Fund and National Lottery Community Fund to expand out Care Group work which involved hiring a freelance Coordinator to lead on this work and funds to replace the windows on Jamaica House in line with safety codes.

During this period, the Society successfully advertised and recruited for a Events and Volunteer Coordinator to deliver a new and exiting programme of activities. The work began in the new financial year 2021-22.

We also contracted a window supply company to replace and install new windows in Jamaica House. The bulk of this work began in the 2021-22 financial year as there was a delay in the supply chain.

Overall, the Society has worked to maintain relevancy with the community during a very difficult time whilst looking to the future and continuity of the aims and objectives of the organisation.

February 2022

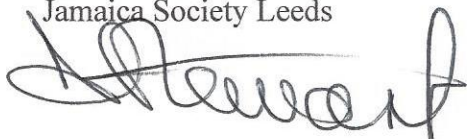
Trustee Mrs I Henry



Rev Dorothy Stewart

Chairperson

Jamaica Society Leeds



## **Independent Examiner's Report to The Jamaica Society (Leeds)**

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### **Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

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### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

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

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2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

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