



Society of Genealogists

Annual Report & Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2019



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A Message from the Chairman

I'm writing this introduction to the 2019 accounts nearly 10 months after the close of the period they cover. The words I would have written in February are very different based on what has happened as 2020 has unfurled.

What they reveal are an organisation and an existing model under pressure, coming to the end of its financial tether. Another year of diminishing membership numbers and revenue. In turn, our dedicated team of employees and volunteers work harder and harder to stretch our meagre resources to keep the society running. The stark reality is that this is not sustainable.

On top of this we encountered major issues with the age of our building, with failing lift and heating system. Our team dealt with these with considerable resilience, but it is not something we can repeat.

As a board we spent many hours considering what needed to be done in the face of existential threat. Our conclusion, having explored many other alternatives, was that the sale of our building was the only way to release the funds needed to make the investments needed for our survival.

And just as we put the building up for sale, the world was halted by the impact of the Covid-19 virus. Like many other organisations we had to close our building for months. Staff had to deal with remote working and furlough and visitors were denied access to the library. We were forced to consider bridging finance, which is an expensive last resort. However, as will be formally reported in the 2020 accounts, we were relieved that we managed, in Autumn 2020, to achieve a sale at the top end of the building's valuations.

So, by the time of next year's accounts you will see a very different picture. Radical change is becoming a reality.

There is much to be proud of. Our programme of educational lectures is going from strength to strength, increasing in number, attendance and revenue. And there's been a tremendous take-up of online courses. Looking back to 2019, we played a large role in the Family Tree Live show in April 2019 at Alexandra Palace.

We are fully committed to finding the best options for all family historians, whilst offering members excellent value for money. The Members' Area of the SoG website adds many new opportunities for researching, learning and sharing with others.

The society's vision remains valid - 'A world in which everyone has convenient, affordable access to records, finding aids, knowledge and skills necessary to conduct authoritative research into family history'.

I offer my gratitude to our CEO, June Perrin and her team for their continued resilience and efforts, and our army of volunteers, without whom nothing would be possible. It is incredible how much can be achieved with limited resources. I'm also grateful for the dedication of our trustee board.

Finally, I thank our members in supporting our work. It is through the dedication of all members of our SoG community working together that we have achieved so much and that we can be confident that the Society of Genealogists will continue to flourish in the years ahead. We will deliver a refreshed organisation, whose sustainability will be reliant on a growing and healthy membership base.

The windfall finance of our building sale is a once-only event, enabling a step change in investment in our organisation. It will not replace our reliance on membership income and the generosity of our donors. I thank you for keeping with us in these difficult and uncertain times.

Edward Percival
Chair of Trustees
Society of Genealogists

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Governance

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from 25 June 2013

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William Bortrick
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Miriam Margolyes, OBE
Sir Mervyn Medlycott, FSG
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A Chief Executive Officer is appointed by the Trustees to manage the day-to-day activities of the charity.

Reference and administrative details and advisors of the group.

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Auditors: Richard Place Dobson Services Limited, 1-7 Station Road, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 1HT.

Bankers: HSBC, 74 Goswell Road, London EC1V 7DA.

Solicitors: Field Fisher Waterhouse, 5 Vine Street, London EC3N 2AA.

Constitution & Organisation

Constitution

The Society of Genealogists is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Charity number 233701. Company number 115703.

The Board of Trustees

For the purposes of charity law, a Board of Trustees are directors of and administer the charitable company. The Board consists of up to 10 members who receive no emoluments for their service. As set out in the Articles of Association, the trustees are elected by the charity's members, serving for a term of three years and for a maximum of two successive terms. These trustees have the power to appoint an honorary treasurer and an honorary solicitor, who ex-officio serve as members of the Board. No honorary solicitor has been appointed for many years. The trustees also have the power to elect any eligible member of the Society to the Board to fill any casual vacancy arising between one Annual General Meeting and the next; any person so elected shall retire at the AGM next following their election but shall be eligible for re-election. The trustees serving during the year 2019 and up to the date of this report are listed on page 5.

Committees

The Board of Trustees appoints other committees and working parties as it considers expedient from time to time. During the year there was one Business Committee. A full list of members of committees for the year 2019 is given on page 5.

Staff

Management team

Chief Executive Officer: June M. Perrin
Head of Library Services: Francisca Mkandawire
Genealogist: Else Churchill, BA (Hons), Dip Lib

Administration

Finance Manager (part-time): Mahazaver Mistry
from Sept 2018
Membership Officer: Melanie Skinner
Events Co-ordinator: Lori Weinstein
Events Assistant (part-time): Catherine Hopkins
Accounting Assistant (part-time): Elizabeth Little

Genealogy

Genealogy Assistant (part-time): Virginia Gilman

Library

Deputy Librarian: Claire Bullen, BA
Cataloguer (part-time): Angela Thomson, BA, MCLIP

Reception/Bookshop

Assistant (part-time): Jack Sharp
Assistant (part-time): Catherine Hopkins
Assistant (part-time): Gary Taylor-Raebel to January 2019

Volunteer Manager: Gary Taylor-Raebel to January 2019
Christine Worthington

IT Manager: Chris Mappley

Society of Genealogists Enterprises Limited

Chief Executive Officer: June M. Perrin
Graphic Designer: Graham Collett

Directors & Trustees

Directors and Trustees during 2019 to the date of this report:

Neil Allcock - stepped down from July 2020
Amelia Bennett
Laura Doyle - Treasurer to March 2019
Rob George
Ray O'Connell - Treasurer from March 2019
Heather Nowlan - co-opted August 2020
Ed Percival - Chairman from July 2018
Janice Tullock - resigning from the AGM date 2020
Graham Walter

Trustee recruitment, inductions & training

The Society's Governing documents require all Trustees to become a Member once successful in applying for Board membership. By not having to be a member for a requisite time in advance it means particular skillsets e.g. Marketing can be advertised for more broadly.

Whilst recruitment traditionally took place via the main instruments of communications with Members i.e. the Genealogists Magazine, the Website and on the Notice Boards in the Society we have now actively approached organisations where skilled people put themselves forward for positions on the Board. For some years we had large gaps in the skills required on the Board but no-one from the membership put themselves forward. The 2017 and 2018 process was enormously successful and in addition to committed Genealogists we boosted the skillsets needed with Marketing, IT development, Archive Strategy, Fundraising and Business Strategy. We found the majority of the candidates had an active interest in Genealogy too (hence their applications). We now carry out an audit of skillsets when considering any gaps for new applicants. Applicants wishing to put themselves forward are invited for an interview and fill in a form to ensure they satisfy the criteria of Trustee along with a 200 word CV. Formal election takes place at the Annual General Meeting where all Members have a right to vote.

The Society accepts it requires a good cross section of skills on its board of Trustees to cover all the areas the Charity encompasses. Previously this has been carried out informally but in 2006 attention was paid to formalising processes to ensure there are no major gaps in necessary skillsets and that

all Trustees are aware of their responsibilities. Ongoing it has been agreed any applicants from prospective Trustees shall be subject to a formal interview process to assess suitability in filling any specific skillset gaps on the Board. This process is currently under review to ensure it is still adequate for our needs.

To assist ongoing awareness Trustees receive any updates received from the Charity Commission etc. The Trustees employ a full-time Chief Executive whose role it is to ensure any arising issues are highlighted to the Trustees. Training is continual as needs arise.

New Trustees have an induction to assess the new skill sets being added to the Society. The whole process is another useful tool to aid focusing on the well being of the Society.

Business, Enterprises and Finance Committees

During 2019 and to the date of this report

Business Committee: Amelia Bennett, Else Churchill, Graham Walter, David Horwill (Minute Secretary), Francisca Mkandawire, Ray O'Connell, June Perrin (Chairman), Nicholas Spence, FSG and Marcus Turner.

Enterprises Committee: Angela Buckley, Sue Hourizi, June M. Perrin (CEO, Company Secretary) and Dr Richard Sturt, OBE (Chairman).

Finance Committee: Ray O'Connell, (Treasurer), Ed Percival (Chairman from July 2018), June Perrin (Chief Executive) and Ahmed Almuterab (Finance Manager).

Society of Genealogists Enterprises Ltd

Directors of SoG Enterprises Limited during the year and to the date of this report

Angela Buckley, Sue Hourizi and Dr Richard Sturt, OBE (Chairman)

Company Secretary: June M Perrin

Strategic overview

Present

During 2019 the Strategic Review was continued and work continued on looking at the long term future for the Society. A major decision was taken to sell the aging building and put to work the funds realised to secure a better position for the Society. Member surveys commenced to gain an insight into services required.

The new Members Area continued to be added to during 2019. However the Membership fall in numbers continues to be a concern and will be uppermost in our strategic review process. The Membership working party was concluded and rolled into the strategic process. There is however a bigger picture in the Genealogy community as a whole with falling memberships due to increased competition from the larger commercial organisations. This will be addressed along with Strategy on the way forward for the Society.

In fundraising, bequests continued to come in, along with the regular donor and friends initiatives. We are ever grateful for our donors for the valuable support of the Society. The GDPR position in 2019 still hampered the way forward for fundraising campaigns but this is being addressed in 2020.

Partner service provided data licences yet again continued strong in 2019, our programme to add to our own data was improved albeit due to IT issues we did have considerable down time in 2019. However we have reached the KPI set for the year thanks to dedicated staff and volunteers.

The building itself continued to present a challenge in 2019. The building is costing large sums now in maintenance that the Society can ill afford. This went a long way to the decision made as the first part of the Strategic review.

Operational focus in 2019 was reviewing the current operations and assessing needs moving forward

In 2019 the Society has:

- Added learning modules course and leaflets to the Members Area of the website
- Concluded the Membership Working Party to assess current needs and future developments and fed into the strategic review process
- Concluded the Fundraising Working Party to assess current needs and future developments and fed into the strategic process
- Continued the fresh look at the Strategic Review
- The Society continues to represent and speak on behalf of its members and the genealogical community and liaises with record keepers and genealogical and related organisations.

- Continued the Friends of the Society and the Fund for the Future initiatives.
- Set plans for a new conference in 2021
- Continued to build on its extensive education programme
- Continued to add to the vast array of resources in the Library with new special collections arriving almost weekly
- Continued the process of ensuring it meets legislation in relation to the new GDPR rules.
- Monitored its activities via its Key Performance Indicators and monthly management accounts

Future

2020 has been a year of difficulty for many. The Covid -19 pandemic has been catastrophic across the globe. Our members have been terrific with their continued support whilst we go through these times and it is appreciated. The Society itself turned to looking at what services it could provide remotely.

Education has taken off tremendously under our new online delivery platforms. Dedicated staff and volunteers have been working flat out during lockdown to deliver these great new services. We will continue to build on this moving forward.

The Strategic Review has been undertaken during lockdown and plans are now in place to move forward with transforming our operations and serving the members with improved services.

The building was finally sold and, although this income cannot be used to prop up ongoing losses, some investment can be made in systems and processes to help deliver the operations mentioned in the previous paragraph. We will initially lease back the building for two years to give time to planning thoroughly the move to new premises.

All IT systems will be overhauled and replaced where necessary. Members may look forward to a new website, new education platform and any number of extras to improve interaction with the Society.

The internet new leased line was delayed due to Covid-19 but we are nearly there with the installation and this should improve in-house work.

The Society will continue to prepare itself to embrace any opportunity to widen its delivery of genealogical knowledge and material.

Objectives & aims of the Society

The objectives and aims of the charity are to promote, encourage and foster the study, science and knowledge of genealogy. The Society's principal activities in achieving this aim continue to relate to education:

- maintains the foremost specialist library in the country
- provides a comprehensive programme of lectures, tutorials and courses
- publishes textbooks and indexes of genealogical material
- maintains co-operative relationships with allied organisations
- lobbies government and other relevant organisations on behalf of the genealogical community

The objectives we set ourselves for the year were to maintain membership numbers, to increase lecture delivery, to increase accessibility to material by increasing data on-line, to continue providing excellent customer service, to improve accessibility by ensuring prompt cataloguing of library material and to follow a strategic plan with income generation as its major component, albeit recognising that cost control has to be a due consideration to ensure the Society maintains a break even position.

Achievements & Performance

Detailed descriptions of the different departments' performance are made throughout this Annual Report. However, the Trustees recognise the need to have some Key Performance Indicators to assess the Society is achieving its Objectives.

The following Key Performance Indicators were approved and instigated in 2019. An assessment is made each year on the continuing suitability of the Indicators and the Trustees monitor them regularly.

Membership has held up quite well during 2019 but numbers are still falling and this is still of concern. We need to address services and processes to retain and recruit members. Things are looking positive on the transformation process to add some enablers to assist with this.

Although lectures did not quite meet the financial target this year, we did attract more attendees. We will build on our programmes and take note of members' requirements.

Due to the slowing down of indexing projects, in no small part due to systems creaking at the seams, we lowered our target for online data uploads this year. I am pleased to report (despite there still being system faults that will be addressed) the volunteers and staff delivered excellent results to add to our Data Online provision.

Customer Care surveys continued and useful feedback comes from them to enable us to improve services. It has to be admitted we do not receive enough so we will encourage reception to issue them out to visitors as they arrive. The library user forum held its second meeting and the points raised, as usual, were all constructive.

Our main cataloguing continues to go well and the backlog is visible on the catalogue. Although all the items are not on the open shelves the Library, staff can issue items as requested.

Bequests and donations have been hugely helpful again in 2019. Thanks go to our Legacy benefactors, Friends, Fund for the Future donors and all general donors for their continued support.

Another mixed and very busy year. The building has continued to throw up challenges but we have now hopefully started the change process.

Key Performance Indicators:

Department	Objective	2018	2019	Target	Variance
Membership	To maintain numbers	8,543	8,332	8,543	-2.47%
Lectures	To achieve £45,000	£44,234	£41,460	£45,000	-7.86%
Lectures	To achieve attendance of 3,250	2,816	3,476	3,250	+6.95%
Data On-line	To add at least 250,000 names/images	104,7788	281,745	250,000	+12.69%
Fundraising	To raise £116,350	£131,389	£171,056	£116,350	+47.01%
Customer Care	To achieve 95% satisfaction rate	98%	98%	95%	+3.0%
Cataloguing	To ensure material is catalogued within 3 months of receipt	Dec 2018	Dec 2019	Sep 2019	+3 months

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The purpose of the Charity is encapsulated in its objects to promote, encourage and foster the study, science and knowledge of genealogy. One excellent example is the free Open Access area which provides a good resource to newcomers in starting their educational journey. By reading this report it will be clear what wide services the Society offers to ensure all the public can benefit from its services. The membership fees are kept as low as possible.

Risk Statement

The Society recognises that it has a responsibility to manage risks effectively in order to control its assets and liabilities, protect its employees and community against potential losses or against obstacles in the way of achieving its objectives. The trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed and satisfied themselves that systems or procedures are established in order to manage and minimise those risks.

The Library

Staff and volunteers continued to work hard in 2019 to make our collections accessible to library users.

As many know the deficiencies of the current building greatly impact on the library. It is our fifth premises since we were founded in 1911 and requires significant investment and maintenance and we have now very much outgrown it. As part of that project the library is looking to reduce the physical size of the current collections through digitisation and collection review to significantly reduce the size of our current footprint before we relocate.

In the library we have made preparations for a partnership with FamilySearch to digitise our huge collection of printed and bound compiled family histories and to make them available in digital form in the library and online.

We purchased an extra wide scanner to digitise our collection of 8,000 'roll' pedigrees (c 24,000 sheets) many of which are extremely large. This will enable us to better catalogue and list the pedigrees as well as make genealogical GEDCOM abstract trees to accompany the images which too will be made available in digital form in the library and online. Our scanning

of manuscripts and documents from the collections also continues. However, these are all quite long-term projects.

An audit of the collections was undertaken to assess the current space used and a significant review of the book and document collection was made throughout the year to identify items which may be removed either to store or digitised or through dispossession in accordance to a revised acquisition and collection policy.

Acquisitions

The library continued to acquire notable accessions from well-wishers, and these were listed in the quarterly *Genealogists' Magazine*. During this time, 1,431 record entries were added on the Library catalogue to guide members to resources in the Library.

In addition to library collections, we continue to offer access to the following subscription websites in the library:

- British Newspaper Archive
- Ancestryinstitution.com
- Findmypast.co.uk
- FamilySearch Affiliate
- The Genealogist
- National Archives - Discovery
- Oxford Dictionary of Family Names

Library usage:

The usage of library records on closed access is as follows:

CD-ROMS	142
Document/Special collections	289
Ireland boxes	557
LDS Films	482
Maps	17
Memory stick and digital camera permits	56
Microfiche	555
Roll Pedigrees	64
Shelf 9	58
Society films	149
Store A	132
Summer Palace	64
TOTAL	2,565

Cataloguing

During the period of 2019, 1431 accessions were added to the Library collection bringing the total holdings to 152,176 records. All accessions were published in *Genealogists' Magazine* and posted on the Library section of the website.

Publications

Projects

The Current ongoing projects include the following:

- Percy Smith Index (India Index)
- Wells Wills transcription
- 1831 project
- Birth briefs
- Business Index
- GRO certificates
- Indian MIs
- Monumental Inscriptions Index
- Memorial Cards Index
- Poll books
- Great Card Index
- 1831 Census

Open Access area

The Society's Open Access area continued at the front of house to aid people getting started online.

Membership

Membership at the end of 2019 was 8,332 (8,544 - 2018). The overall decrease in membership by 212 was an improvement to the previous drop. This was due to attending quite a few shows this year and adding significant marketing at these events. However it is still a drop.

The strategic review is now in place to address this downward trend and things are looking positive going forward. We hope to provide better services and a better experience for members.

Membership fees were not increased for 2019 for Full Members prior to 19 September, 2017. New Members pay £80 for Full Membership and £56 for Associate Membership. Day entry fees remain at £5 for two hours, £10 for four hours and £18 for a day. Associate Members receive 50% discount on the four hour and day rates.

This year the Society was pleased to publish a fully revised and expanded 2nd edition of our popular title *My Ancestor was an Agricultural Labourer* by Ian Waller and we just managed to get the brand new title *My Ancestor worked in Textile Mills* by Adelle Emm to the printers by the end of the year.

The *Genealogists Magazine* continues to be edited by Michael Gandy and the members' monthly e-newsletter is edited by Emma Jolly. Graham Collet continues to work on production and graphic design for both.

Electronic Publishing

During 2019, the Society continued to upload core source material to SoG Data Online, including parish registers, monumental inscriptions and trade directories, as well as surnames A-H in the India Index. Most of volumes in the Society's *National Index of Parish Registers* series were also made available.

The library acquired several rare and/or unique sources, which were scanned and uploaded to SoG Data Online. These included:

Bootle Secondary School for Boys staff register 1901-1959, which gives personal and career details for 99 male and female teachers.

Historical Account of Dob Lane [Unitarian] Chapel, Failsworth, and its schools, which contains details of ministers and other officials and a register of baptisms and burials 1691-1807.

The Yearbook of Trinity Congregational Church, Reading 1899, which includes the names and addresses of church members.

A History of the Presbyterian and General Baptist Churches in the West of England; with memoirs of some of their pastors, by Jerom Murch 1835.

Several parish magazines (which feature parish news and recent Christenings, marriages and burials), including those for St Michael's Derby 1893-96 and Fremington 1864-1904.

Currently, there are over 14,300,000 records available for members to view in SoG Data Online from home. A full list of the online datasets can be found on the website.

Communication

Like many similar genealogical and historical societies, the Society of Genealogists has a number of ways to disseminate news and for members to glean information and help as outlined below:

The *Genealogists Magazine* is published quarterly with articles and space for letters and questions and is made available to all new members as an online colour PDF or to existing members as a paper copy. Members can use their online profile in the members area of the website to request a PDF rather than paper copy if required. (Given the costs of postage this will be much appreciated if members elect to receive the PDF.) Letters and enquiries can be sent to the editor care of the SoG or email publishing@sog.org.uk and this will be passed on the editor.

The e-newsletter is available for members and non-members and is disseminated to 13,000 readers via an email at the end of each month. This reports news from and about the SoG, our events, publication and news from the genealogical community. If anyone has news or information they wish to submit to the newsletter they should email publishing@sog.org.uk and this will be passed on the editor. Anyone can subscribe to the free e-newsletter via the website.

The Members' online community hub is an online forum for members in the exclusive members' area of the website. It is intended that this will largely replace the defunct Rootsweb email. It allows for themed, threaded conversations and provides an opportunity for members to ask questions, help each other and to discuss genealogical matters. It is administered by the SoG IT support and a volunteer. Unlike the old Rootsweb list this is available *only* to current SoG members and remains private. The Community Hub has conversation threads where enquiries can be made about general genealogical questions and specific questions about sources. However, like the Rootsweb list it is a platform for members to talk to each other and is not the formal means to communicate with staff or Trustee board members. Our thanks to Dr Simon Pugh for his help in administering the hub.

The Society's website has an open public news section which also reports news from and about the SoG, our library, events and publications and news from the genealogical community. This is the most current and immediate means of communication and it is here that we will also report, for example, power cuts or unexpected closures.

Library news also appears on the library pages of the website and this will report on user forums and surveys etc.

The Society is active on Social Media. News and events which are mentioned on the news page of the SoG website will also be reported on Twitter and Facebook. Currently the @SoGGenealogist Twitter account has over 8,200 followers and the Facebook page has over 5,200 followers. Information about our genealogy events can be found on Pinterest and Instagram. Thanks to Alec Tritton and Sherry Abrahart for their volunteer support on social media.

Regular direct emails from the SoG are sent to those members and non-members who sign up to receive news about SoG publications, SoG data online, publication of the *Genealogists' Magazine* and e-newsletters and SoG events and news. Subscription to these emails can be controlled via the account profile created when you sign on the SoG website.

Personal genealogical consultations are available with volunteer members in the library on alternate Saturdays or by phone using the **genealogical advice line** (020 7490 8911) on Thursday evenings and Saturdays. Information about booking consultations and the advice line hours are on the learn and library pages of the website.

General queries and questions, genealogical enquiries, library searches, press enquiries and other matters can be directed by phone, email or post to the appropriate SoG department such as the library, membership or genealogist. Telephone number, emails and addresses are found in the contact page of the website.

It was announced this year that beginning March 2nd, 2020 the Mailing Lists functionality on RootsWeb will be discontinued. Users will no longer be able to send outgoing emails or accept incoming emails. Additionally, administration tools will no longer be available to list administrators and mailing lists will be put into an archival state. Administrators may save the emails in their list prior to March 2nd. After that, mailing list archives will remain available and searchable on RootsWeb, this will affect the Society of Genealogists current Rootsweb mailing list which at the end of 2019 had only 422 emails subscribed to the list.

The society is always looking to improve its communication and help to members and non-members alike - within of course the restraints of the resources available to its staff and volunteers. The genealogy community is moving to social media and given the growth of followers on our Twitter and Facebook feeds we are considering expanding the Facebook presence to create an SoG Members' Facebook Group where questions and help can be sought. This will depend on the resource we can find to administer this. There is no intention, at the moment, to replace the redundant SoG Rootsweb email list with anything similar but of course this will be kept under review.

Education, Lectures, Courses & Shows

In addition to the free beginner's course written and presented by Emma Jolly on the Members Learning Zone there are other free lectures, hints tips and record guides. Unfortunately some technical issues with the site have delayed publication of the planned online intermediate course.

The Society's popular Education Programme of lectures, seminars and courses held at the Society's premises, along with a series of popular walks and visits are in accordance with the Society's charitable aims and objectives. This year again saw substantial growth in attendance figures with some 3,476 attendees at our events and courses (3,288 in 2018) and while we did exceed last year's successful events total with income of £41,460 we did not quite reach our income target (£45,000) this year as there were some unexpected course cancellations due to tutor illness and a slight drop in attendance at the evening classes. The Society's Genealogy Getaway study on DNA, however, was very well attended and received. Other popular courses focussed on research techniques and solving genealogical problems, London research and researching agricultural ancestors and those living at the time of the English Civil Wars. There were several sessions on popular websites and genealogy programmes, regional genealogy courses and social and local history. The Society hosted free presentations outlining developments on websites Findmypast and My Heritage and also free workshops from Family Tree Maker which were all well attended.

Thanks are due to the various tutors who work with the Society and to Lori Weinstein and her Assistant Catherine Hopkins for their sterling work on the programme.

In anticipation of the large number of genealogists expected to be visiting London for RootsTech London a number of free orientations and lectures were given at the Society before and after the event. These were very well attended and saw many more non-members attending as well as a marked increase in Library visitors during this period.

The regular free talks on Using the Library, the Library Catalogue and Getting the Best out of the SoG Website and Collections were given by the Genealogist as part of the Library users and new members induction and orientation days. A PDF of these presentation slides can be found on the website.

The Society's partnership with Pharos Tutors continues with the Intermediate and Advanced Family History Skills and Strategies online courses.

The Society and the Halsted Trust commenced planning for a joint international genealogy conference in 2021 to be entitled Elizabethan Ancestors - genealogy from the age of Elizabeth Tudor to Elizabeth Windsor. Although Covid-19 could disrupt these plans.

External Liaison, Media Coverage & Outreach

The Society was busy at several outreach events overseas (we had a stand at RootsTech in Salt Lake City, the world's largest genealogical event) and in the UK. We were present with stands and the Society sponsored streams of talks and workshops at Family Tree Live at Alexandra Place in April and was featured in promotional videos for the event. We attended the Family History Shows in York, Bristol and Sandown Racecourse; at the LMA London History Day; at the Immigration Museum Family History Day and of course we had a stand and the Genealogist gave talks at RootsTech London hosted by FamilySearch at ExCel in October. This proved to be a huge event with some 10,000 attendees. The Society's library saw its busiest days for a very long time during the week before and after that show.

Attendance at RootsTech in Salt Lake City gave an opportunity to further some partnerships and commenced discussions with FamilySearch to digitise our huge collection of printed and bound compiled family histories and to make them available in digital form in the library and online,

The Society continues to be a FamilySearch Affiliate Library providing access to microfilm and digital material. It also hosts and provides space for the Irish Genealogical Research Society and the Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain. The IGRS opens its collections and resources to visitors at the SoG on Saturdays and the JGSGB makes its library available when the Society is closed on Friday and uses the SoG lecture room on some Sundays. In March the SoG and JGSGB jointly held a well-attended open day with tours of both libraries and talks about our respective collections and mutual membership discounts were offered by both societies.

The Society represents and speaks on behalf of its members and the genealogical community and liaises with record keepers and genealogical and related organisations.

Premises

The biggest news of 2019 was the Board's decision to sell the premises. The sale will aid investment in all aspects of the Society to secure its future. The successful sale in 2020 means we have now become the leaseholder for a period of two years to ensure we can plan a streamlined relocation.

However 2019 continued to be very challenging in terms of premises maintenance. Repairs were carried out to the boilers and they managed not to go badly wrong in the winter but we are still 'patching up'

The lift, roof and the air conditioning all need major works and we will have to maintain them to a reasonable standard even during our time as a leaseholder of the building.

The relocation working group has begun and hopefully we will move to a more modern building with fewer maintenance issues.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain and the Irish Genealogical Research Society continued their residency with the Society.

The usual Health and Safety assessments and fire risks have been undertaken during the year and thanks go again to Frank Hardy for his assistance. Regular maintenance continues for all standard items e.g. lift, air conditioning, fire extinguishers, fire alarms, burglar alarm etc.

Fellowship & Awards

Fellows

The Articles of Association of the Society prescribes three 'classes' of members. They are Ordinary Members, Fellows and Honorary Fellows. The constitution sets a maximum of 100 Fellows and just 10 Honorary Fellows. Those put forward for Fellowship must have been members for at least five consecutive years, but those proposed for Honorary Fellowship do not need to be members of the Society at the time of their nomination. Candidates for either honour must be proposed by not fewer than six Fellows and a secret ballot is then held among all the Fellows. Successful nominees must secure a two-thirds majority. In weighing their vote, Fellows must judge whether those proposed for Fellowship have rendered 'distinguished services to the Society or to genealogy' and whether they wish to honour those proposed for Honorary Fellowship for their 'very distinguished services to genealogy'.

There were two new Fellows announced in 2019. Mr Steven Smyrl and Mr David Annal.

At 31 December 2019 there were two Honorary Fellows.

Anthony Camp, MBE, 1982
Jeremy Gibson, Fellow 1963, Hon 1999

There were 71 Fellows:

John Addis-Smith, 1999
Colin Allen, 2002
Norma Allum, 1993
David Annal, 2019
Michael Armstrong, 1994
Dr Morris Bierbrier, 1993
Paul Blake, 1994
Christopher Broomfield, 2007

Robert Michael Bunting, 2007
Yvonne Jean Bunting, 2002
Michael Burchall, 1975
Dr Colin Chapman, 1990
Peter Christian, 2000
Lydia Collins, 2011
Patric Dickinson, 2000
Thomas Doig, 2013
Dr Andrea Duncan, 1998
Michael Gandy, 1987
Susan Gibbons, 2016
Paul Gorry, 1999
Jan Gow, 2012
Stephen Hale, 1989
John Hanson, 2005
Frank Hardy, 1998
Duncan Wilson Harrington, 2007
David Hawgood, 1987
Mark David Herber, 2007
Ian Jeffery Hilder, 2003
Sharon Hintze, 2015
David Mervyn Horwill, 2007
Cecil Humphery-Smith, 1970
Keith Johnson, AM, 1992
Dr Anthony Joseph, 1970
Charles Kidd, 2000
Patricia Kirkland, 1991
Brian Loomes, 1993
Susan Lumas, 1997
Hilary Marshall, 2000
Sir Mervyn Medlycott, Bt, 1990
Joy Wade Moulton, 1992
Nicholas Newington-Irving, 1999
Peter Nutt, 2004
Derek Palgrave, 1982
Pamela Palgrave, 2005
Peter Park, 1989
Eric Probert, 1994
Doris E Pullen, 1992
Prof Brian Randell, 2000
Richard Ratcliffe, 2001
Dr Colin Rogers, 1986
John Rowlands, 1995
Sheila Rowlands, 1995
Malcolm Sainty, AM, 1996
Beryl Schumer, 2008
Dr Michael Siddons, 1998
Paul Floyd Smart, 1988
Steven Smyrl, 2019
Nicholas Spence, 2015
David Squire, 1998
Monnica Stevens, 1998
Dr Geoffrey Swinfield, 2012
Neville Taylor, 1995
Dr Stephen Taylor, 2006

Rt Hon the Lord Teviot, 1975
John Titford, 2004
Jean Tooke, 1992
Peter Towey, 2015
Ian Waller, 2011
Cliff Webb, 1981
James Willerton, 2002
Dr David Wright, 2009

We are sorry to report that Kingsley Ireland and John Harnden died in 2019.

Awards

The Board of Trustees is able to recognise the contribution of members, non-members and appropriate organisations through the award of a Certificate of Appreciation. His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent has graciously agreed that a special award may be made from time to time bearing his name. In 2019 no award was made.

In 2019, Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Sue Hourizi, Esther Leves, Elizabeth Richards and Jill Zucker.

Volunteers

We are indebted to our wonderful and committed team of volunteers, without whom the Library would not be able to provide a service. We appreciate their generosity, dedication, humour and productivity; their contribution to so many diverse work areas is critical to almost every part of the society's operations and services.

During the closed week in 2019, the Library, supported by a team of 40 volunteers over the five days, undertook various projects in a total of about 301 hours.

A Volunteers' Social was held at the Society on 12 August 2019 to provide an opportunity for interaction and networking among volunteers who come into the library on different days and work on different projects.

We bade farewell to the former Volunteer Manager, Gary Taylor-Raebel, who left the Society in January 2019 and was replaced by Christine Worthington in August.

Christine undertook a major update of volunteer records, documented onsite contributions in a weekly schedule and prepared for the resumption of home projects for offsite volunteers.

The Rootstech international conference in late October was a major event for the Society and the volunteer contribution to this, both at the conference and at our premises in the days before and after the conference was terrific and much appreciated by all the staff.

We acquired the Dropbox Plus package in November for the efficient administration of home projects, and in late November the first batches of the Great Card Index were sent out, with support provided to those becoming acquainted with Dropbox. The project is still going strong and could not have happened successfully without the assistance of the volunteers who carried out the pilot for this project in 2017-18.

Five volunteer information emails ('Dispatches') were distributed to all volunteers from September to December to keep volunteers up to date with progress, free events for volunteers and appeals for assistance with particular duties. A shared Dropbox folder of general resources for our volunteers called 'Volunteer Central' was set up and continues to grow.

The Christmas Party held at the society on 10 December was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

All the staff and trustees would like to thank all of our volunteers for their efforts in 2019.

Fundraising

Fundraising has been very good this year and we would like to thank our generous members.

The Friends of the Society initiative continued and in 2019 raised £10,296 (2018: £10,696).

The Society would like to encourage people to make a regular standing order donation of any sum small or large, monthly or annually with our Fund for the Future programme. Income during 2019 was £1,313 (2018: £1,343). Details can be found on our website.

Legacies did extremely well with very generous bequests adding to the overall total.

We also had a very generous donation towards the upcoming IT systems overhaul. Thank you.

When new systems are installed we will ensure we seek approval for fundraising marketing from people and we can then actively commence fundraising campaigns again.

We currently do not raise funds from the general public.

Financial Report

Treasurer's Report

The Society once again benefited from the extraordinary generosity and support from its members resulting in an increase in donations and legacies. This transformed an operating deficit into an income surplus for 2019 of £53,992.

The Society made considerable progress in its strategic review during the year, which is aimed at achieving a financial operating model that is sustainable for the long-term.

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charitable group for the year ended 2019. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Accounting and reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

COVID 19 - impact on the charity

The Chairman has made reference to the impacts of COVID 19 on the charity. At the time of signing this report we are entering a second lockdown period which will undoubtedly have a further impact on the charity's activities. At the point of signing it is impossible to predict the financial impact of the global pandemic, and as such no adjustments have been made to the figures in the accounts. It is the Trustees belief that the future of the Charity has been secured through the sale of the building, which should free up sufficient reserves to enable to the Charity to survive the effects of the crisis and continue with our strategic vision once we are able.

Trustees' Responsibility Statement for the year ended 31 December 2019

The Trustees (who are also the directors of The Society Of Genealogists for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees have forecast the level of free reserves (that is those funds not tied up in fixed assets, and designated and restricted funds) the Charity will require to sustain its operations and make appropriate adjustments should there be a material reduction in the Charity's income. The Trustees consider that the most appropriate level of free reserves is a sum equivalent to six months of the Charity's running costs estimated at £300,000. The current level is £330,198. It is the Trustees' view that the balance of income and expenditure should be managed to maintain the appropriate level of free reserves.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

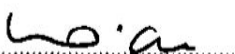
- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditor is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 10 November 2020 and signed on its behalf by:



Ed Percival
Chairman

10 November 2020



Ray O'Connell
Treasurer

10 November 2020

Independent Auditor's Report

to the Members and Trustees of The Society of Genealogists

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Society of Genealogists (the 'parent charitable company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise the group statement of financial activities, the group and parent entity Balance Sheet, the group cashflow statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and parent charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2019, and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of [Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group and parent charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or

- the Trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the group's or parent charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006.

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the group and parent charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 and the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and sufficient accounting records have not been kept by the parent charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company's financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit. [; or
- the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime [and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 14, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the group's and parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and to the charitable company's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members and its Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body and the charitable company's Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Richard Place Dobson Services Limited

Chartered Accountants
1-7 Station Road
Crawley
West Sussex
RH 10 1HT

8 December 2020

Richard Place Dobson Services Limited is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2019

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
INCOME FROM						
Donations and legacies	2	145,606	-	£25,450	171,056	131,389
Charitable Activities						
Membership income	4	383,593	-	-	383,593	407,340
Library income		2,043	1,591	12,472	16,106	4,190
Event income		50,059	-	-	50,059	130,734
Genealogy income		589	-	-	589	832
Book shop and publications		53,762	-	-	53,762	52,604
Investment Income	3	2,131	-	-	2,131	1,262
Other Income		7,058	-	-	7,058	6,434
Total		<u>644,841</u>	<u>1,591</u>	<u>37,922</u>	<u>684,354</u>	<u>734,785</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Cost of Raising Funds	5	2,016			2,016	1,900
Charitable Activities						
Membership expenditure	6	157,162	-	-	157,162	148,095
Library expenditure		240,413	1,910	8,946	251,269	242,925
Event expenditure		139,424	-	-	139,424	186,229
Genealogy expenditure		20,190	-	-	20,190	19,870
Bookshop & publications expenditure		58,711	-	-	58,711	57,422
Total		<u>617,916</u>	<u>1,910</u>	<u>8,946</u>	<u>628,772</u>	<u>656,441</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		26,925	-	28,976	55,582	78,344
Transfers between funds	18	<u>6,326</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(6,326)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds before gains and losses on investments		33,251	(319)	22,650	55,582	78,344
Gain on revaluation of fixed assets		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Net movement in funds		33,251	(319)	22,650	55,582	78,344
Total Funds brought forward		<u>374,600</u>	<u>3,076,621</u>	<u>34,175</u>	<u>3,485,396</u>	<u>3,407,052</u>
Total Funds carried forward		<u>407,851</u>	<u>3,076,302</u>	<u>56,825</u>	<u>3,540,978</u>	<u>3,485,396</u>

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Consolidated Balance Sheet at 31 December 2019

Consolidated

Unrestricted	Note	fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	13	<u>77,653</u>	<u>3,076,302</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,153,955</u>	<u>3,155,579</u>
Current Assets						
Stock of goods for resale		19,447	-	-	19,447	20,642
Debtors	15	40,265	-	-	40,265	137,050
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>429,462</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,825</u>	<u>486,287</u>	<u>307,488</u>
		489,174	-	56,825	545,999	465,180
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(158,976)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(158,976)</u>	<u>(135,363)</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>330,198</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,825</u>	<u>387,023</u>	<u>329,817</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u><u>407,851</u></u>	<u><u>3,076,302</u></u>	<u><u>56,825</u></u>	<u><u>3,540,978</u></u>	<u><u>3,485,396</u></u>
 Funds	 18					
Unrestricted funds:						
General fund					407,851	374,600
Designated fund					3,076,302	3,076,621
					3,484,153	3,451,221
Restricted funds:						
Restricted fund					56,825	34,175
TOTAL FUNDS					<u><u>3,540,978</u></u>	<u><u>3,485,396</u></u>

The charitable group is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2018.

The members have not deposited notice, pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

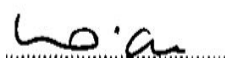
- (a) ensuring that the charitable group keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and parent charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its consolidated surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable group.

These financial statements have been audited under the requirements of Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 10 November 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:



Ed Percival - Chairman of Board of Trustees



Ray O'Connell - Treasurer

Company Number 115703

Society of Genealogists

Charity Balance Sheet at 31 December 2019

Charity Only						
	Note	Unrestricted fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	13	77,653	3,076,302	-	3,153,955	3,155,579
Investments	14	20,000	-	-	20,000	20,000
		<u>97,653</u>	<u>3,076,302</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,173,955</u>	<u>3,175,579</u>
Current Assets						
Stock of goods for resale		19,447	-	-	19,447	20,642
Debtors	15	68,785	-	-	68,785	162,631
Cash at bank and in hand		383,665	-	56,825	440,490	288,032
		<u>471,897</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,825</u>	<u>528,722</u>	<u>471,305</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(161,699)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(161,699)</u>	<u>(161,488)</u>
Net Current Assets		310,198	-	56,825	367,023	309,817
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>407,851</u>	<u>3,076,302</u>	<u>56,825</u>	<u>3,540,978</u>	<u>3,485,396</u>
Funds	18					
Unrestricted funds:						
General fund					407,851	374,600
Designated fund					3,076,302	3,076,621
					3,484,153	3,451,221
Restricted funds:						
Restricted fund					56,825	34,175
TOTAL FUNDS					<u>3,540,978</u>	<u>3,485,396</u>

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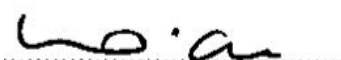
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Company Number 115703

Society of Genealogists

Statement of Cash Flows and Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December 2019

		Group	
	Note	2019	2018
Cash used in operating activities	21	<u>196,512</u>	<u>9,782</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest Income		2,131	1,262
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(19,844)	(22,424)
Disposal of Asset		-	-
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>(17,713)</u>	<u>(21,162)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		-	-
Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		<u>(178,799)</u>	<u>11,380</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<u>307,488</u>	<u>318,868</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u>486,287</u>	<u>307,488</u>
	01.01.19	Movement in Cash	31.12.19
	£	£	£
Changes to Net Debt:			
Bank and Cash in hand	<u>307,488</u>	<u>177,209</u>	<u>464,697</u>

Society of Genealogists

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2019

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The Society of Genealogists is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The registered office is 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below:

Basis of Consolidation

The group accounts consolidate the accounts of the Society of Genealogists and its subsidiary undertaking drawn up to 31 December. As permitted by Section 480 of the Companies Act 2006, no separate statement of financial activities for the Society of Genealogists is presented.

Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is deferred only when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Donations and legacies

Donations are accounted for gross when receivable, so long as they are capable of financial measurement. recognises legacies when they have been informed they are to be in receipt of a legacy. This represents a change in accounting policy, as in previous years legacies were only recognised when there was adequate certainty and reliability of their value and could be accurately measured.

Grants

Grants receivable are recognised when there is reasonable assurance of their receipt, whether capital or revenue in nature. Grants are recognised on an accruals basis.

Membership income

Membership income represents subscriptions for membership of the charity and is recognised in the period to which it relates.

Event income

Event income represents sponsorship and entrance fees for events and is recognised in the accounts when the event takes place.

Genealogy income

Genealogy income represents sums paid for specific genealogical consultation.

Bookshop, magazine and publications income.

Bookshop, magazine and publication income represents income from sales of genealogy books and the Society of Genealogist magazine and is recognised on the day the sale takes place.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2019

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Allocation and apportionment of costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office and governance costs which support membership, library, event, genealogy and bookshop and publication activities. These costs have been allocated and apportioned to the various charitable activities. A percentage basis has been used to apportion the support costs to the charitable activities. Staff support costs are by time allocation and all other support costs are by space allocation.

Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets other than books and manuscripts are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, for items over £250. No depreciation is provided on freehold land or on books, manuscripts, and typescripts, since it is the Society's practice to maintain these in a continual state of sound repair and any depreciation involved would not be material. Provision will be made should any permanent diminution in the value of these documents occur. The Charity has chosen to take advantage of the transitional relief available on adoption of FRS102-1A and have elected to include the land and building at its valuation which is its deemed cost for the purposes of these accounts. The rates currently used are as follows:

Freehold Building	2% straight line per annum Where residual value exceeds cost there will be no depreciation
Plant and machinery	50% straight line per annum
Furniture, fixtures, fittings, computers and equipment	20% on book value per annum
Microfilm	10% on book value per annum

Foreign Currency translation

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are included in net outgoing resources.

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Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme. The pension costs charged to the SOFA represent the amount of the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

Taxation

No provision has been made for corporation tax or deferred tax as the charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt.

Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is included in Resources Expended within administration costs.

Operating Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Stocks

Stocks of publications and other items for sale are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after providing for slow moving items.

Investments

The investment in the subsidiary is stated at cost less provision for any diminution in value.

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Fund Accounting

The Unrestricted Fund consists of funds to be used for the purposes of the Charity at its discretion. Designated Funds are unrestricted funds which have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The Restricted Fund consists of funds to be used for specific purposes determined by the donor.

Debtors, cash and creditors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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

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

Basic financial assets.

The charitable company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the balance sheet when the charitable company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charitable company's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

Critical judgements

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Valuation of Library

The valuation of the books which are included within fixed assets is a material figure in the accounts and is based primarily on the historical cost value that the society paid a number of years ago. Given that the majority of these items are not available to be purchased on the open market, it has been estimated that their value has not fluctuated since the original cost incurred by the society. For insurance purposes the library is valued at £2,937,887. Depreciation is not charged as the estimated residual value is deemed to be in excess of cost.

Valuation of Land and Buildings

Freehold land and building was included in the accounts at historic cost. No depreciation is charged on the building on the basis that the estimated residual value is in excess of the cost included in the accounts and depreciation would be immaterial.

The Society has taken advantage of the transitional relief available on adoption of FRS102 to include land and buildings in the accounts at its valuation of £2,800,000 as at 29 April 2014. This valuation is on a freehold vacant possession value and was conducted by Gerald Eve LLP. On adoption this valuation has become deemed cost.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
Grants and donations received	15,606	25,450	41,056	28,844
Legacies	130,000	-	130,000	102,545
	<u>145,606</u>	<u>25,450</u>	<u>171,056</u>	<u>131,389</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
	2,131	-	2,131	1,262
	<u>2,131</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,131</u>	<u>1,262</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2019 £	2018 £
Membership Income comprises:		
Subscriptions	381,873	402,817
Magazine	1,665	4,427
Entrance fees and lost cards	55	96
	<u>383,593</u>	<u>407,340</u>

5. COST OF RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2019 Total funds £	2018 Total funds £
Other Trading activities				
Fundraising costs	2,016	-	2,016	1,900
	<u>2,016</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,016</u>	<u>1,900</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

2018 Resources expended include:	Direct staff costs £	Direct other costs £	Support costs £	2019 Total £
Charitable activities				
Membership expenditure	46,881	72,626	37,655	157,162
Library expenditure	103,795	35,248	112,226	251,269
Event expenditure	71,699	44,378	23,347	139,424
Genealogy expenditure	20,190	-	-	20,190
Bookshop & publications expenditure	29,297	12,927	16,487	58,711
	<u>271,862</u>	<u>165,179</u>	<u>189,715</u>	<u>626,756</u>

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6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS (Continued)

2018 Resources expended include:	Direct staff costs £	Direct other costs £	Support costs £	2018 Total £
Charitable activities				
Membership expenditure	48,404	64,435	35,256	148,095
Library expenditure	113,627	26,010	103,288	242,925
Event expenditure	70,230	94,222	21,777	186,229
Genealogy expenditure	19,870	-	-	19,870
Bookshop & publications expenditure	26,015	15,933	15,474	57,422
	<u>278,146</u>	<u>200,600</u>	<u>175,795</u>	<u>654,541</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

Support costs for 2019:

	Staff costs £	Depreciation £	Premises costs £	Administration costs £	2019 Total £
Charitable activities					
Membership expenditure	19,736	1,395	6,515	10,009	37,655
Library expenditure	25,297	18,224	63,617	5,088	112,226
Event expenditure	10,869	1,385	5,906	5,187	23,347
Bookshop & publications expenditure	9,165	464	2,077	4,781	16,487
	<u>65,067</u>	<u>21,468</u>	<u>78,115</u>	<u>25,065</u>	<u>189,715</u>

Support costs for 2018:

	Staff costs £	Depreciation £	Premises costs £	Administration costs £	2018 Total £
Charitable activities					
Membership expenditure	19,197	1,431	5,866	8,762	35,256
Library expenditure	22,875	18,680	57,279	4,454	103,288
Event expenditure	10,499	1,421	5,316	4,541	21,777
Bookshop & publications expenditure	8,944	475	1,871	4,184	15,474
	<u>61,515</u>	<u>22,007</u>	<u>70,332</u>	<u>21,941</u>	<u>175,795</u>

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net Income/(expenditure) is stated after charging:

	2019 £	2018 £
Auditors remuneration - current year Charity	6,450	6,650
Auditors remuneration - current year Company	0	500
Auditors remuneration - 2017 not accrued for Non-Audit work	0	2,875
Depreciation	<u>21,468</u>	<u>22,006</u>

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9. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The directors of the company, being members of the Board of Trustees, received no emoluments during the year (2018: £nil).

However, travelling expenses to the amount of £1,148 (2018: £1,099) were reimbursed to 5 (2018: 5) committee members for travel to Society related activities.

10. STAFF COSTS

	2019 £	2018 £
Wages and salaries	299,780	301,460
Social security cost	22,090	22,930
Pension cost	16,291	16,776
	<u>338,161</u>	<u>341,166</u>

The average number of employees during the year was made up as follows:

	2019 Number	2018 Number
Direct charitable activities	14.0	13.0
Governance	2.0	3.0
	<u>16.0</u>	<u>15.0</u>

No employee had emoluments in excess of £60,000 in the year (2017: none).

	2019 £	2018 £
Remuneration for key members of staff:	148,960	150,490

11. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE CHARITY

The consolidated statements of financial activities includes the results of the charity's wholly owned subsidiary, Society of Genealogists Enterprises Limited. The summary financial performance of the charity alone is:

	2019 £	2018 £
Incoming resources	649,590	699,987
Gift aid from subsidiary company	34,764	33,855
	<u>684,354</u>	<u>733,842</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	(628,772)	(655,498)
Net incoming resources	55,582	78,344
Total funds brought forward	3,485,396	3,407,052
Total funds carried forward	<u>3,540,978</u>	<u>3,485,396</u>
Represented by:		
Restricted income funds	56,825	34,175
Designated funds	3,076,302	3,076,621
Unrestricted income funds	407,851	374,600
	<u>3,540,978</u>	<u>3,485,396</u>

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11. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE CHARITY (Continued)

The consolidated statements of financial activities includes the results of the charity's wholly owned subsidiary, Society of Genealogists Enterprises Limited. The summary financial performance of the subsidiary alone is:

The trading results of the subsidiary company are set out as follows:

	2019	2018
	£	£
Turnover	55,209	61,472
Donation	-	-
Interest receivable	-	-
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Total income	55,209	61,472
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Cost of sales	-	-
Distribution cost	-	-
Administrative expenses	20,445	27,617
Corporation Tax	-	-
Donation to Society	34,764	33,855
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Total expenditure	55,209	61,472
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Net income from trading	-	-
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At 31 December, the aggregate amount of this company's assets, liabilities, share capital and reserves was:

	2019	2018
	£	£
Fixed assets	-	-
Current assets	56,442	58,060
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(36,442)	(38,060)
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	20,000	20,000
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This represented:		
Share capital	20,000	20,000
Reserves	<hr/>	<hr/>
	20,000	20,000
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12. 2018 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds £
INCOME FROM				
Donations and legacies	128,889	-	2,500	131,389
Charitable activities				
Membership income	407,340	-	-	407,340
Library income	2,015	-	2,175	4,190
Event income	130,734	-	-	130,734
Genealogy income	832	-	-	832
Book shop and publications	52,604	-	-	52,604
Investment Income	1,262	-	-	1,262
Other Income	6,434	-	-	6,434
Total	<u>730,110</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,675</u>	<u>734,785</u>
EXPENDITURE ON				
Cost of raising funds	1,900	-	-	1,900
Charitable activities				
Membership expenditure	148,095	-	-	148,095
Library expenditure	242,393	-	532	242,925
Event expenditure	186,229	-	-	186,229
Genealogy expenditure	19,870	-	-	19,870
Bookshop, magazine & publications expenditure	57,422	-	-	57,422
Total	<u>655,909</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>532</u>	<u>656,441</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	74,201	-	4,143	78,344
Transfers between funds	<u>(63)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(63)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds	74,264	-	4,080	78,344
Gain on revaluation of fixed assets	-	-	-	-
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	<u>300,336</u>	<u>3,076,621</u>	<u>30,095</u>	<u>3,407,052</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u><u>374,600</u></u>	<u><u>3,076,621</u></u>	<u><u>34,175</u></u>	<u><u>3,485,396</u></u>

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13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group	Freehold Land and Buildings £	Building Development £	Books, Manuscripts & Typescripts £	Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings £	Microforms £	Total £
Cost or Valuation						
At 1 January 2019	3,159,869	-	224,336	594,449	159,405	4,138,059
Additions	-	-	1,591	18,253	-	19,844
Charge back to p&l	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2019	<u>3,159,869</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>225,927</u>	<u>612,702</u>	<u>159,405</u>	<u>4,157,903</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 January 2019	327,264	-	-	514,914	140,302	982,480
Charge for the year	-	-	-	19,558	1,910	21,468
At 31 December 2019	<u>327,264</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>534,472</u>	<u>142,212</u>	<u>1,003,948</u>
Net Book Value						
At 31 December 2019	<u>2,832,605</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>225,927</u>	<u>78,230</u>	<u>17,193</u>	<u>3,153,955</u>
At 31 December 2018	<u>2,832,605</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>224,336</u>	<u>79,535</u>	<u>19,103</u>	<u>3,155,579</u>
Charity						
	Freehold Land and Buildings £	Building Development £	Books, Manuscripts & Typescripts £	Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings £	Microforms £	Total £
Cost or Valuation						
At 1 January 2019	3,159,869	-	224,336	582,853	159,405	4,126,463
Additions	-	-	1,591	18,253	-	19,844
Charge back to P&L	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2019	<u>3,159,869</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>225,927</u>	<u>601,106</u>	<u>159,405</u>	<u>4,146,307</u>
Depreciation						
At 1 January 2019	327,264	-	-	503,318	140,302	970,884
Charge for the year	-	-	-	19,558	1,910	21,468
At 31 December 2019	<u>327,264</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>522,876</u>	<u>142,212</u>	<u>992,352</u>
Net Book Value						
At 31 December 2019	<u>2,832,605</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>225,927</u>	<u>78,230</u>	<u>17,193</u>	<u>3,153,955</u>
At 31 December 2018	<u>2,832,605</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>224,336</u>	<u>79,535</u>	<u>19,103</u>	<u>3,155,579</u>

The valuation of books, manuscripts and typescripts is a 1952 professional valuation amounting to £8,195. Additions since then have been included at cost. The insured value of books, manuscripts, typescripts, microform, plant and machinery, fixtures and fittings is £3,026,023 (2018: £2,937,887).

The freehold land and buildings have been revalued and deemed as at cost as per the FRS102. The cost being ascertained as £2,800,000 by Gerald Eve LLP on 29 April 2014. In 2017 a major refurbishment was carried out and this has been added to the building value.

The majority of fixed assets of the society are used for direct charitable activities. The assets used for non-charitable activities are of immaterial value and therefore have not been disclosed separately in the financial statements.

The freehold property is the subject of a legal charge dated 12 October 2001 in respect of all bank borrowings. Currently there are no such borrowings.

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14. FIXED ASSETS INVESTMENTS

Shares in group
undertakings
£

Market Value	
At 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2019	20,000
Net Book Value	
At 31 December 2019	20,000
At 31 December 2018	20,000

There were no investment assets outside the UK

15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Charity	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	6,435	7,203	191	120
Amount owed by subsidiary undertakings	-	-	34,764	33,855
Other debtors	20,220	100,963	20,220	99,772
Taxation and social security	4,066	9,372	4,066	9,372
Prepayments and accrued income	9,544	19,512	9,544	19,512
	40,265	137,050	68,785	162,631

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16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Charity	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	45,930	12,263	45,930	12,263
Amounts due to subsidiary	-	-	4,401	30,330
Taxation and social security	2,231	10,768	553	7,063
Other creditors	1,397	-	1,397	-
Accruals and deferred income	109,418	112,332	109,418	111,832
	<u>158,976</u>	<u>135,363</u>	<u>161,699</u>	<u>161,488</u>

	Group		Charity	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	£	£	£	£
Deferred income brought forward	92,928	101,862	92,928	101,862
Released to income in the year	(92,928)	(101,862)	(92,928)	(101,862)
Income deferred in the year	93,470	92,928	93,470	92,928
Deferred income carried forward	<u>93,470</u>	<u>92,928</u>	<u>93,470</u>	<u>92,928</u>

17. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

There are no operating lease commitments

18. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Restricted funds of group and charity:

	At 01.01.2019	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	At 31.12.2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Fellows fund	226	-	-	-	226
Library funds	27,954	12,381	(4,232)	(6,326)	29,777
Binding funds	3,495	91	(2,214)	-	1,372
IT Systems	-	25,450	-	-	25,450
Digitisation	2,500	-	(2,500)	-	-
	<u>34,175</u>	<u>37,922</u>	<u>(8,946)</u>	<u>(6,326)</u>	<u>56,825</u>

2018

Restricted funds of group and charity:

	At 01.01.2018	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	At 31.12.2018
	£	£	£	£	£
Fellows fund	226	-	-	-	226
Library funds	26,374	2,175	(532)	(63)	27,954
Binding funds	3,495	-	-	-	3,495
Digitisation	-	2,500	-	-	(2,500)
	<u>30,095</u>	<u>4,675</u>	<u>(532)</u>	<u>(63)</u>	<u>34,175</u>

The **Fellows Fund** is to be used by the Fellows for any purpose deemed appropriate.

The **Library Funds** are to be used specifically for library purchases. The transfer to unrestricted funds represents capital expenditure incurred in the year.

The **Binding Funds** are to be used towards the cost of binding records.

The **Digitisation Funds** are to be used towards digitisation of library material.

The **IT Systems Funds** are to be used towards online data software.

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18. RESTRICTED FUNDS (Continued)

2019

Designated funds of group and charity:

	At 01.01.2019	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	At 31.12.2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Land and Buildings	2,832,605	-	-	-	2,832,605
Library Fund (Books, Manuscripts, Microform)	244,016	1,591	(1,910)	-	243,697
Development Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>3,076,621</u>	<u>1,591</u>	<u>(1,910)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,076,302</u>

2018

Designated funds of group and charity:

	At 01.01.2018	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	At 31.12.2018
	£	£	£	£	£
Land and Buildings	2,832,605	-	-	-	2,832,605
Library Fund (Books, Manuscripts, Microform)	244,016	-	-	-	244,016
Development Fund	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>3,076,621</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,076,621</u>

The development fund represents funds put aside by the Trustees to be used in development of the charity. This was used for a major refurbishment in 2017.

The **Library Fund** represents the funds of the charity that are to be used to add to the holdings of the library

The **Land and Buildings Fund** represents the funds of the charity that are tied up in the land and the buildings that the charity operates out of.

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Prior permission by the Charity Commission has been given for Trustees to receive lecture fees and any authors royalties. In 2019 there were £0 payments (£0 2018).

20. STATUS OF THE SOCIETY

The Society is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The liability of members is limited to £2 each.

21. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Group

	2019	2018
Net movement in funds	55,582	78,344
Add back depreciation charge	21,468	22,006
Add back development costs	-	4,539
Deduct interest income	(2,131)	(1,262)
Decrease (increase) in stock	1,195	3,371
Decrease (increase) in debtors	(96,785)	(79,979)
(Decrease) increase in creditors	(23,613)	17,237
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>196,512</u>	<u>9,782</u>

21. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

- Since the end of 2019 there has been a global Covid-19 pandemic. This resulted in the Society, along with many other organisations having to suspend its physical onsite services. We found other ways to deliver some services and have been very pleased with our members support. For 2020 because of our move to online delivery of Education programmes we will feel little effect. Just the usual ongoing downturn in membership. We are most keen to see that members will continue to support us moving forward and are building on new services to nurture, retain and recruit as many members as possible.
- During the pandemic 'lockdown' the Society was successful in selling the building as mentioned in the Annual Report. The funds will initially be invested whilst we lease back the building to allow a planned relocation of our extensive library and archive. A thorough programme of transformation is being planned.