

# **FRANCO - BRITISH SOCIETY**

**Registered Company Number: 00152104**

**Registered Charity Number: 214096**

**REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS  
For the Year Ended  
31st January 2016**

**FIELD SULLIVAN LIMITED  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

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## FRANCO-BRITISH SOCIETY

### Company Information

<b>Directors:</b>	Lord Watson of Richmond P McCoy FCA
<b>Secretary:</b>	I.S.J. Gault
<b>Registered Office:</b>	3 Dovedale Studios 465 Battersea Park Road London SW11 4LR
<b>Registered Company No:</b>	00152104 (England and Wales)
<b>Registered Charity No:</b>	214096
<b>Independent Examiner:</b>	Field Sullivan Limited Chartered Accountants Neptune House 70 Royal Hill London SE10 8RF
<b>Investment Custodians:</b>	Charles Stanley & Co. Limited 25 Luke Street London EC2A 4AR
<b>Company Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.franco-british-society.org">http://www.franco-british-society.org</a>

## **FRANCO-BRITISH SOCIETY**

### **Report of the Directors for the Year Ended 31 January 2016**

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 January 2016. This is also a trustees' report required by Part VI of the Charities Act 1993 and all trustees are directors.

#### **Constitution**

The Franco-British Society is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its memorandum and articles of association.

#### **Objects of the charity**

The Franco-British Society is dedicated to encouraging closer relations between Britain and France. It acts as a focus for those individuals, groups and companies who wish to keep in touch with France, her history, language and current affairs, through a range of educational and cultural activities.

#### **Directors and trustees**

The directors during the year under review were:  
Lord Watson of Richmond  
P McCoy FCA

#### **Review of Activities**

During the year a programme of monthly events was carried out to encourage the cultural and educational links between Britain and France. The literary prize was awarded in recognition of furthering Franco-British relations.

#### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our objectives and activities and in the planning of future activities. It is the judgment of the Trustees that activities in pursuit of the above objectives fully meet the public benefit test, which they have kept in mind in planning programmes for the charity. In delivering services and in the appointment of volunteers and trustees the charity operates a strict policy of no discrimination on any grounds.

#### **Results**

The net resources deficit for the year before unrealised losses amounted to £7,939

#### **Reserves policy and risk management**

The trustees seek to maintain a level of reserve income that the charity will require to sustain its programme of events. Free reserves amounted to £6,088 at 31 January 2016. Major risks that the charity faces are examined each year and systems developed to monitor and control these risks to mitigate any impact that they may have on the charity in the future.

#### **Investment policy**

It is considered that the most appropriate policy for investing funds is a balanced managed portfolio of equity and fixed interest securities with a medium/low risk category.

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Report of the Directors  
for the Year Ended  
31 January 2016 (continued)

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and 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 of the incoming resources and application of resources (including the income and expenditure) of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

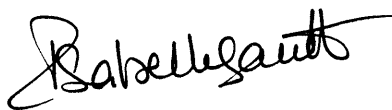
- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company, and which 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 hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees confirm that so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware. They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006, was approved by the Board on 25 April 2015 and signed on its behalf.

**I S J Gault – Secretary**  
Franco British Society



# FRANCO-BRITISH SOCIETY

## Statement of financial activities and Income and expenditure account For the year ended 31 January 2016

	<b>Restricted funds £</b>	<b>Endowment funds £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Total funds £</b>	<b>2015 Total £</b>
<b><u>Incoming resources</u></b>					
Incoming resources from generating funds - Voluntary Income:					
- Subscriptions & Donations	-	-	4,272	4,272	3,625
- Investment Income	212	874	352	1,438	1,875
Incoming resources from charitable Educational activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,769</u>	<u>32,769</u>	<u>23,988</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	<b><u>212</u></b>	<b><u>874</u></b>	<b><u>37,393</u></b>	<b><u>38,479</u></b>	<b><u>29,488</u></b>
<b><u>Resources expended</u></b>					
Cost of generating funds:					
- Costs of generating voluntary income	-	-	1,128	1,128	1,215
Charitable educational activities	-	-	43,192	43,192	37,547
Grants Payable	600	-	100	700	100
Governance costs	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,398</u>	<u>1,398</u>	<u>1,350</u>
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b><u>600</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>45,818</u></b>	<b><u>46,418</u></b>	<b><u>40,212</u></b>
<b>Net Income /(expenditure) before other recognised gains and losses</b>	<b>(388)</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>( 8425)</b>	<b>(7939)</b>	<b>(10,724)</b>
Surplus/(loss) on Investment Assets	<u>(406)</u>	<u>(1,677)</u>	<u>(674)</u>	<u>(2757)</u>	<u>6,349</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b><u>(794)</u></b>	<b><u>(803)</u></b>	<b><u>(9,099)</u></b>	<b><u>(10,696)</u></b>	<b><u>(4,375)</u></b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward	<u>9,771</u>	<u>40,308</u>	<u>15,187</u>	<u>65,266</u>	<u>69,641</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b><u>8,977</u></b>	<b><u>39,505</u></b>	<b><u>6,088</u></b>	<b><u>54,570</u></b>	<b><u>65,266</u></b>

# FRANCO-BRITISH SOCIETY

Company no. 152104

Balance sheet

at

31 January 2016

	Notes	£	<u>2016</u>	£	£	<u>2015</u>	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>							
Tangible assets	3			995			1,416
Investments	4			<u>51,935</u>			<u>66,287</u>
				52,930			67,703
<b>Current Assets</b>							
Debtors	5	2,191			1,130		
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>3,209</u>			<u>2,718</u>		
		<u>5,400</u>			<u>3,848</u>		
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	<u>3,760</u>			<u>6,285</u>		
<b>Net Current (Liabilities)Assets</b>				<u>1,640</u>			<u>(2,437)</u>
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>				<u>54,570</u>			<u>65,266</u>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>							
Restricted Funds	7			8,977			9,771
Endowment Funds				39,505			40,308
Unrestricted Funds				<u>6,088</u>			<u>15,187</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>				<u>54,570</u>			<u>65,266</u>

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015), were approved by the Board of Directors on 25 April 2016 and signed on its behalf by:

  
P McCoy FCA

The Notes form part of the Financial Statements on pages 5 to 10

# FRANCO-BRITISH SOCIETY

Notes to the Accounts  
for the Year Ended  
31 January 2016

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### (a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments, which are included at market value. In accordance with the Companies Act 2006, the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011.

### (b) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds comprise the accumulated surplus that is available for the use at the discretion of the Council in furtherance of the objects of the charity.

Restricted funds are subject to special conditions imposed by the donor and are to be used to provide music scholarships.

The endowment fund represents a capital sum for generating income for scholarships.

#### **Incoming resources**

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies apply to the categories of income:

**Voluntary income** comprises all incoming resources from membership subscriptions and donations. Voluntary income is recognised on a receivable basis as is Gift Aid.

**Investment income** comprises income from common investment funds and interest received from interest bearing deposits and securities.

**Incoming resources from charitable activities** comprise event receipts from educational activities.

#### **Resources expended**

Expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

**Costs of generating funds** comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

**Charitable expenditure** comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

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## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

- (b) **Governance costs** include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SOFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

### (c) Pensions

The charity does not operate a pension scheme.

### (d) Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Expenditure of a capital nature is capitalised at cost as fixed assets.  
Depreciation is provided on reducing balance basis at a rate of 20% per year.

Investments held as fixed assets are revalued at mid-market value at the balance sheet date and the gain or loss taken to the Statement of Financial Activities.



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## 2. OPERATING DEFICIT

The deficit for the year is stated after charging:

	<u>2016</u> £	<u>2015</u> £
Auditors remuneration	1,398	1,350
Depreciation - owned asset	<u>421</u>	<u>354</u>

## 3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Office Equipment</u> £
<u>Cost</u>	
At 1 February 2015	4,885
Disposals	(1,788)
At 31 January 2016	<u>3,097</u>
<u>Depreciation</u>	
At 1 February 2015	3,469
Disposals	(1,788)
Charge for year	<u>421</u>
At 31 January 2015	<u>2,102</u>
<u>Net Book Value</u>	
At 31 January 2015	<u>1,416</u>
At 31 January 2016	<u>995</u>

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## 4. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
	£	£
Market Value at 1 February	66,287	66,717
Additions	64,732	11,907
Disposal	(60,786)	(18,686)
Unrealised Gain	(18,298)	6,349
Market Value at 31 January	<u>51,935</u>	<u>66,287</u>

### Listed UK Investments:

3243	Aviva Invstrs UK Strat Bnd	3,412	-
1769	Legg Mason Inv Fnds IF Wstn Bnd Inc	1,902	-
3398	JO Hambro Cap Mng UK Eqty Inc	3,663	-
2406	Man Fnd Mngnt UK GLG Undrvl Ast Pr	2,686	-
2484	Old Mtl UK Alpha Acc Units Nav	2,663	-
5608	Stndrd Lf Inv UK Eq Inc	2,996	-
556	Aviva Inv Eq Inc	671	-
358	Axa Frmlgtn Unt Man US Grwth Acc	610	-
839	UBS Asst Mngnt US Eq Acc	630	-
2.44	Vngrd Inv UK US Eq Indx	652	-
1954	Blckcrk Fnd Mngrs Cont Eu Inc D Units	2,525	-
710	Blckcrk Fnd Mngrs Eu Dyn Fd Acc	836	-
268	JO Hambro Cap Mngnt Jpn Hdg Dis Nv	412	-
642	Schroder Un Trst Asian Alph Pls Z Acc	372	-
3113	Artemis Fnd Mngrs Glob Inc Unts	2,392	-
3264	BNY Mlln Fnd Mngrs Nwtm Gbl Inc	3,985	-
2650	M&G Inv Mngrs Gbl Div Fnd	3,910	-
3866	Abrdn Inv Fnd Abrdn Prop Trst	3,931	-
5040	Lgl&Gen Un Trst Mngrs UK Prop Inc	2,710	-
4622	Thrdndl Inv Fnds UK Prop Trst Inc	4,079	-
1398	BNY Mlln Fnd Mngrs Absol Insght WAc	1,455	-
2486	BNY Mlln Fnd Mngrs Real Ret	2,738	-
3296	Stndrd Lf Gbl Absol Ret Strt In Acc	2,705	-
848	M&G Charifund Inc	-	12,703
1269	Schroder Oriental Inc Fnd Ord	-	3,104

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## 4. Listed UK Investments (Contd) :

1150	Invesco Fnd Mngr	-	3,405
435	Templeton Emg Mrkt Inv Ord GBP0.25	-	2,458
13316	Aviva Investors	-	12,080
1919	Henderson Gbl Invs Euro	-	3,117
4025	Jupiter Unit Trust	-	2,741
888	BNY Mellon Fund Mngrs	-	2,615
2346	Threadneedle Inv Fnds UK	-	3,075
2312	Legg Mason Inv Fnds	-	3,694
7147	F&C Fnd Mngrs	-	4,201
390	Worldwide Healthcare Trust	-	7,289
2859	GLG Prtnrs Inv Fnds	-	2,982
2338	Premier Portfolio Mngrs	<u>          </u>	<u>2,823</u>
		<u>51,935</u>	<u>66,287</u>

## 5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	<u>2016</u> £	<u>2015</u> £
Prepayments and accrued income	2,191	750
Other debtors	<u>          </u> -	<u>          </u> 380
	<u>2,191</u>	<u>1,130</u>

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## 6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Income received in advance	688	2,546
Other creditors	<u>3,072</u>	<u>3,739</u>
	<u>3,760</u>	<u>6,285</u>

## 7. RESTRICTED FUNDS

### Purpose of Restricted Funds:

	<b>Balance At 1.2.2015</b>	<b>Investment revaluation and Incoming Resources</b>	<b>Outgoing Resources</b>	<b>Balance At 31.1.2016</b>
	£	£	£	£
Piano Fund	<u>9,771</u>	<u>(194)</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>8,977</u>

Piano fund: to provide funds for musical scholarships and other piano costs.

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## 8. ALLOCATION OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	<b>Tangible Fixed Assets</b>	<b>Investments</b>	<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>Current Liabilities</b>	<b>Net Assets</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Restricted Fund	-	8,977	-	-	8,977
Permanent Endowment Fund	-	34,105	5,400	-	39,505
Unrestricted Funds	<u>995</u>	<u>8,853</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,760)</u>	<u>6,088</u>
	<u>995</u>	<u>51,935</u>	<u>5,400</u>	<u>(3,760)</u>	<u>54,570</u>

## 10. TRUSTEES EXPENSES

No Trustee was or will be reimbursed any expenses in respect of the year under review.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Franco-British Society**

I report on the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 January 2015, which are set out on pages 3 to 10

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(1) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

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

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;

have not been met; or

2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



**Tim Sullivan FCA**

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Date: 25/5/15