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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 Charity for the year ended 31st March 2026. The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 ('FRS102')

Habitats & Heritage

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company Number
07469024

Registered Charity Number
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Registered Office to 31st August 2025
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

As the information about our activities in the pages that follow will show, this has been a really significant year for Habitats & Heritage. There's a lot to take in but among the many achievements, our move to the new Grimwood Road site, and the reopening of the Grove Gardens Chapel are two of the highlights. Grimwood Road gives us a unique physical location to bring together our staff and partners, and to develop a new array of demonstration projects. We can host events, welcome in regular volunteers, and showcase exciting new ways of bringing people together and protecting both heritage and habitats in our local area. It is a work in progress (something of a lost garden!) but such an exciting new phase for us. Meanwhile, for those of us who have been attached to H&H for a while, the reopening of the Chapel is just as exciting – we lease this wonderful 1877 building from the Diocese of Southwark and it has been in desperate need of structural work in recent years – bringing this to fruition has been a work of passion on the part of the staff, and it is wonderful to see it being opened for community use again.

But those two projects are just two of many, and one of the main things to acknowledge again is the extent of face-to-face community engagement that our projects facilitate, helping people to engage with the local green spaces and heritage in south and west London. This is hugely important to us. We provide leadership, organisational support, space and equipment for a very wide range of activities including supporting (95!) Friends and community groups, volunteering activities, and corporate volunteering days, as well as giving talks and providing advice on home energy efficiency savings.

We have several large heritage projects on the go at the moment, including the restoration of Sir Joseph Bazegette's tomb in Wimbledon, but watching the work on Sir Richard Burton's mausoleum come to fruition this year has been very rewarding This project brings together so much of what we aim to do: caring for historic places, working in partnership, and using heritage as a way to connect people — not just to the past, but to one another. A highlight of the habitats, biodiversity & conservation workstream has been our project with Citizen Zoo to propagate tower mustard - one of London's rarest plants and a biodiversity target - and establish new populations at four sites across southwest London. Grimwood Road has already hosted a training session for volunteers to learn about the plant and sow seeds. Our climate, sustainability and community workstream cuts across all our activities, but one thing to highlight from this year has been the welcoming of the Council's Fixery team to their new base at the Grove Gardens Chapel, where they are running a community repair and reuse hub.

There is always a long list of people to thank – some long term supporters and funders who have been with us for some time, and others who have helped more recently with one or two of the projects. However the support comes, we are very grateful. We are lucky to have a very engaged Board, and their interest in and support for the work is invaluable. Whenever I am out and about with the staff team people tell me how wonderful they are, and particular thanks is due to Paul Jennings, our CEO, for his leadership and passion. On behalf of the Board, I am so grateful to them all for delivering our mission. As well as our many funders across all our workstreams, we are also grateful to some key individuals – I cannot list them all but particular thanks are due this year to Simon Revill, Director at Cymes Conservation Ltd for his patient support in the Grove Gardens Chapel renovation; Melissa Watson and Harriet Steel

from Richmond Council's Communities and Partnerships team for their role in helping us establish at Grimwood Road; Councillor Penny Frost who, in her role of The Worshipful Mayor of Richmond upon Thames, opened Grimwood Road Garden, Grove Gardens Chapel and Sheendale Road bridge; James Deacon whose generous donation will support green hubs projects over the next year; Eleanor Evetts from Historic Royal Palaces for securing Hampton Court Palace as the beautiful venue for the Richmond Biodiversity Action Plan relaunch; and to Mark Hardy – River Crane litter picking legend who provides inspiration for the difference that we can all make in our local environment.

In this report we look back on a successful year, and we look forward in the next to building on this and bedding down at Grimwood Road!

Ann Hagell, Chair of Trustees

ABOUT HABITATS & HERITAGE

Habitats & Heritage is the local charity that acts for the natural and historic environment and climate in south and west London. Our mission is to protect and restore our threatened rivers, green spaces, parks and historic built environment for the benefit of the whole community, for this and future generations.

We are based in Twickenham and work across south and west London..

Vision and values

Our vision is a restored and extensive natural and historical heritage for south and west London. We want to enrich and connect degraded and isolated green spaces across our urban landscape and to restore neglected historical structures and landscapes that would otherwise fall to ruin or disappear. We want to make those special local places accessible and inviting to all to explore, enjoy and feel part of.

We promote an accessible and inclusive approach to our environmental and historical heritage and seek to deepen people's sense of wellbeing, belonging and pride in place through learning and appreciation of the local environment. We promote sustainable lifestyles and recognise the inter-connectedness of all aspects of human activity.

Our values:

- Foster partnership.
- Recognise the value of natural and built environment both for people's well-being and for its own sake.
- Celebrate diversity and inclusion.
- Enable involvement through volunteering.
- Be locally relevant to global concerns.

History and governance

Habitats & Heritage is a registered charity (no 1140872) and a company limited by guarantee (no. 7469024) established in 2011 under the name South West London Environment Network (SWLEN). The charity was renamed and rebranded Habitats & Heritage in November 2020 following merger with Environment Trust, a sister charity established in 1984.

The Board of Trustees governs Habitats & Heritage. Operational management is delegated to the executive led by Chief Executive, Paul Jennings. There are a number of committees and subgroups reporting to the board.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Public benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and that the activities carried out by Habitats & Heritage during the year were all undertaken in order to further its objects. A detailed explanation is shown under activities and performance.

Charitable Objects

Habitats & Heritage was set up with the following objects:

1. To promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public, principally, but not exclusively, in South West London and surrounding areas by:

- Building the capacity of third sector organisations which are working on projects which aim to achieve sustainable development for the benefit of the public by providing them with support, information and services;
- Promoting the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, the prudent use of resources, and sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration;
- Advancing the education and awareness of the public in subjects relating to sustainable development and the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment and the prudent use of resources, and promoting and conducting study and research in such subjects, provided that the useful results of such study and research are disseminated to the public at large.

2. To promote, organise and facilitate co-operation and partnership working between third sector, statutory and other relevant bodies in the achievement of the above purposes within the area of benefit.

Habitats & Heritage aims:

a) To protect and restore our threatened rivers, green spaces, parks and historic built environment, and extend them through connecting them along green corridors, and new community spaces.

b) To protect and restore historical built environment for this and future generations, and through engagement with this heritage to deepen peoples' sense of belonging and pride in place.

c) To realise the mutuality between urban historical and natural heritage goals.

d) To promote an accessible and inclusive approach to our environmental and historical heritage through opportunities for all communities and individuals to be part of restoring, experiencing and co-creating new spaces and becoming part of a larger movement for change.

e) To promote learning for people of all ages and to deepen appreciation of our local natural and built environment

f) To promote a more sustainable lifestyle which recognises the inter-connectedness of all aspects of human activity.

2025 -26: REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Highlights of 2025-26













Habitats & Heritage has brought long-term projects to fruition as well as leading the development of exciting new areas of work.

Grimwood Road in Twickenham is the new home for Habitats & Heritage, a site with a large garden and glass house for community groups and biodiversity projects such as reintroduction of Tower Mustard

Grove Gardens Chapel in Richmond, unused for five years due to structural problems, has been underpinned and brought back into use for community benefit as a Repair Café, the Richmond Fixery

Sir Richard Burton's Mausoleum in Mortlake is near completion for cleaning and restoration, with education and access projects supporting the restoration of building and objects inside.

Sir Joseph Bazalgette's Mausoleum in Wimbledon is being restored, with a focus this year on education, linking the history of London's sewers to needs of the present

Biodiversity Action Plan : an updated plan for London Borough of Richmond was launched and many working groups organised to support species and habitats.

Nature conservation volunteering to improve green spaces and rivers has expanded, involving young people, company employees and residents.

Friends' groups for parks and other community groups have benefited from our support in helping to engage local people in caring for their environment.

Fund-raising events have been more successful than ever and they are about more than raising money, with our Plant Sale for Wildlife attracting more than five hundred enthusiasts. Artist Axel Scheffler kindly supported us again in 2025 with an amazing show and readings for families. We supported events run by the Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kingston-upon-Thames and received the largest single donation ever.

We engaged **more than 4,500 people** through walks, talks, workshops, volunteering, festivals and heritage events and support.

Volunteers gave **more than 3,000 hours** of their time, providing a boost to local habitats, biodiversity projects, history research and community spaces.

We worked with **124 partner organisations** from councils and conservation groups to schools, charities and local businesses.

Our projects in 2025-26





A new home at Grimwood Road

In September, Habitats & Heritage moved into our new home at Grimwood Road in Twickenham. 125 local residents joined us to celebrate and to share ideas for the garden. H&H officially opened the garden in November, with The Worshipful the Mayor of the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, Councillor Penny Frost, and Hannah from The People Hive cutting the ribbon. Groups of adults with learning disabilities and of other volunteers come to the garden every week. In February, despite pouring rain, 35 residents of all ages helped dig gravel from the new growing beds. The Grimwood Road garden has hosted many activities, including visits from architecture students at Kingston University, a volunteer thank-you event, a training session for the Tower Mustard Project, and a festive wreath-making workshop.



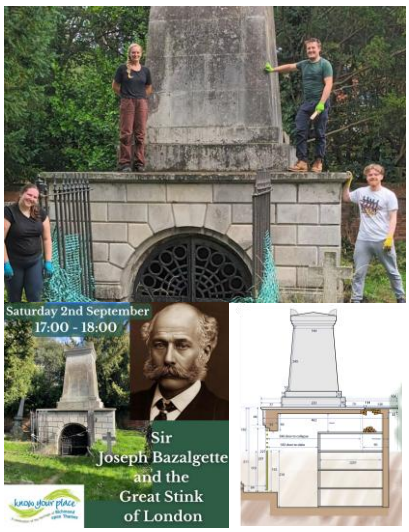
Grove Gardens Chapel

Substantial repair works to Grove Gardens Chapel began in March lead by H&H with Cymes Conservation architects and Conisbee structural engineers. The conservation specialist contractor DBR was employed to replace the foundations to the rear of the building, installing a reinforced concrete ground beam sitting on screw piles sunk 8-metres deep into the London clay. The works secured the future of the building enabling Richmond Council's circular economy hub to move in at the end of the year to run 'The Fixery' repair hub. People continued to be engaged with the site despite the works including 256 people across 16 events.



Sir Richard Burton's Mausoleum

Burton: Exploring Without Boundaries has nearly finished the conservation work at the Burton Mausoleum in Mortlake, with minor final touches, and the door restoration is on the point of completion. We have redesigned the Burton Mausoleum webpages and installed an interpretation board on-site, presenting new research carried out by our 8 research volunteers. We have engaged over 520 people, including multicultural organisations, local community groups and 7 educational institutions. In addition to the original aims of the project, we have partnered with Kingston University and the Museum of Richmond to carry out the cleaning and research of 50 objects from the mausoleum, providing new insights into the unique collection.



Sir Joseph Bazalgette's Mausoleum

In April 2025, our latest National Lottery Heritage Funded project: Sir Joseph Bazalgette & The Great Stink of London was launched. This was the culmination of years of work building relationships, consulting with parishioners, and successfully bidding for funding. The project will run for 24 months with four main strands: conservation, research/interpretation, education, and outreach. Since the project began, 3 new staff members have been onboarded to the project. We have appointed our professional team of conservation architects, structural engineers and other consultants. The education & outreach programme has been rolled out with a series of free assemblies to schools and a range of public talks. At Open House Festival, we engaged 50 members of the public for an exclusive tour and informative talk. In total, the project engaged 1029 people across 21 talks, open days, promotional stands and community activities.



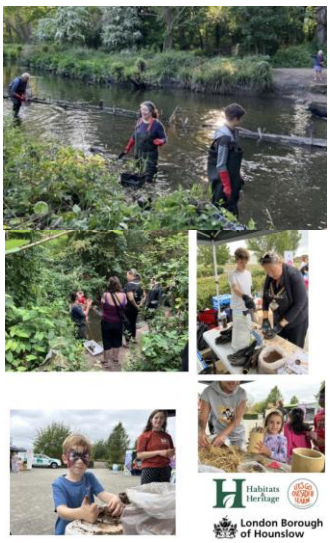
Richmond Biodiversity Partnership

Habitats & Heritage organised the re-launch of the Richmond Biodiversity Action plan at Hampton Court Palace in September. Attendees were introduced to the new action plans for amphibians and reptiles, and dark skies and enjoyed talks focusing on water voles, beavers and bats. We continue to coordinate the partners in joint actions and discussion for conserving priority species and habitats.



Youth program (Grow Your Future)

48 young volunteers aged 14-25 have completed 619 volunteering hours across three boroughs. The volunteers have helped nature through practical tasks such as planting reedbeds, helping to dig a channel for water voles, and clearing scrub, as well as through education and public engagement at the Kingston Nature and History Festival and the River Crane Fun Day. We also took on an intern for a 3 month internship as part of our commitment to helping young people gain the experience they need to start a career in the sector. We are grateful to The National Lottery Awards for All for funding our youth program.



Take Me To The River

The Take Me To The River project in 2025 has continued to get local people outdoors and connecting with nature along the River Crane in Hounslow. We ran a range of both public and bespoke nature engagement and practical conservation sessions, including reedbed planting, bat walks and river dipping. By working with a diverse range of younger residents and communities such as Scout groups, schools and the Youth Justice Society, we were able to inspire engagement with the River Crane and promote green skills. The River Crane Fun Day was a crowning achievement of this year, attended by over 200 people in Feltham. Alongside activities around the river we worked with Let's Go Outside and Learn, Richmond Housing Partnership and local businesses and organisations to provide this free summer event to celebrate the River Crane.





Tower Mustard

We are working with Citizen Zoo on an exciting project to propagate tower mustard - one of London's rarest plants - and establish new populations at four sites across south-west London. In March we held a training session at Grimwood Road where 30 volunteers learnt about the plant, planted seeds, and took them home to grow ready for planting out in the autumn. The tower mustard project is funded by the Mayor of London's Green Roots Fund and Thames Water, the programme brings together Habitats & Heritage and a wide network of land managers and community partners. These include Barnes Conservation, London Natural History Society, Wimbledon Common, London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, London Borough of Hounslow and Lampton Countryside Rangers, Home Park, the 750-acre royal park adjacent to Hampton Court Palace and managed by Historic Royal Palaces plus Lesnes Abbey Woods in south east London. Botanist Dr Mark Spencer is providing expert support.





Thames Draw Off

In 2025 we once again held our annual Draw Off litter picking event in Richmond. Like previous years, this was a public event that encouraged people to take part in litter picking on the tow path and exposed river bed. This year we also held free River Thames history walks ran by two members of our heritage team, hosted our youth volunteers, and had an information display all about waste and sustainability. Including our youth volunteers we had 62 participants, all taking part in guided or unguided litter picking on the river bed, along the towpath or in Old Deer Park. Volunteers on the day collected over 30 bin bags full of rubbish, two bikes and a tent! We also ran a corporate draw off volunteer day with Be Richmond, where 22 volunteers from a variety of Richmond based organisations spent the morning litter picking the river bed.



Corporate volunteering

We are grateful for the support of the 16 companies who volunteered with us last year. We ran 19 volunteering sessions across three boroughs, where the teams helped improve local habitats through tasks such as invasive Himalayan Balsam removal, bug hotel building, scrub clearance and litter picking.



Kingston Biodiversity Partnership

Habitats & Heritage have been working with the council and partners, organising three partnership meetings and over ten separate species and habitats action plan sub-group meetings to coordinate work towards the conservation of priority habitats & species in Kingston. Partners visited Tolworth Court Farm nature reserve in July. This is one of Kingston's most important sites for biodiversity and Citizen Zoo have launched a plan for wetland creation and conservation grazing with cattle to enhance biodiversity.





Friends' groups

We support 95 Friends' and community groups across Richmond, Kingston and Hounslow with events, news and fundraising, and training sessions on risk assessments, social media, and tools maintenance. We have loaned equipment for litter picking and bat walks. We continued to provide local community groups with IT support, including one-to-one sessions, website maintenance and help with communications. We have supported groups with tree and bulb planting, a pond maintenance workshop, community open days, bat walks, nature wellbeing walks, and wildflower meadow planting. We continue adding to our free Resource Hub which provides useful documents for Friends Groups governance and finance. We have supported the set up of three new groups across the boroughs and are currently helping to establish a further six groups. We also chair the Richmond Friends Forum, enabling networking and sharing knowledge.



Richmond Fixery

We have embarked on a project with Richmond council to establish The Fixery at Grove Gardens Chapel - a community repair and use hub. Launched on the 7th March it coincided with the formal re-opening of the chapel after a long period of restoration works. Over 300 people enjoyed stalls for refillable detergents, upcycled teddies and crafting cast offs bound for landfill; a clothes swap, a pop up appearance from Mr Bike repairs, Twickenham repair shop performing mending miracles, a café run by the People Hive volunteers, nature trails, Chi Gong demonstration sessions and a nature conservation volunteer task – it was a beautiful celebration of our old building repurposed for uses benefitting the environment and people.



Heritage events

A range of events and activities took place across our other heritage sites including at over 400 school children visiting the St. Leonards Court air raid shelter, 890 people visiting the Kilmorey Mausoleum over 11 events, two heritage bus tours operated in Richmond and Kingston involving 100 members of the public and two heritage conservation sessions delivered by the H&H team involving 30 volunteers across Brompton Cemetery and the Ealing Parks Foundation.



Thames Strategy Kew to Chelsea

Staff member Dylan has taken on a the role of Strategic Projects and Engagement Officer with TSKC in 2026 building upon our previous work with the Thames Landscape Strategy, we are now building up the presence of TSKC in the boroughs between Kew Bridge and Vauxhall Bridge. With the Joint Thames Strategy refresh, work has begun on updating character reaches and strategic targets for sections along the riverside. The project has involved meeting with councillors and council officers to discuss planned developments and opportunities, as well as engagement with local community groups and organisations involved in using and maintaining the River Thames.



Crane Valley Smarter Water Catchment

Community groups throughout the Crane Valley catchment benefit from funding to improve the environment and to engage communities in appreciating and caring for the River Crane and other watercourses from Richmond to Harrow. We help to evaluate the benefits of the grants, send newsletters and organise networking meetings for the groups. Picture: *Habitats & Heritage staff working with Sunshine of Hounslow and Ealing at a food growing site by the River Crane.*





Thames Landscape Strategy

In partnership with Father Thames Trust and Thames Landscape Strategy, we have seconded staff to deliver a wide range of conservation and community engagement activities along the Arcadian Thames. We engaged with 221 people through our volunteer programme and events, such as talks and bat walks. We contributed 625 volunteer hours including removing the invasive plant Himalayan balsam, scrub clearance and preventing riverbank erosion using willow bank spiling. We consulted and planned on renaturalising the Canbury Gardens riverbank in Kingston. This collaborative project between the TLS and Kingston council is a trial to demonstrate nature-based solutions and the role they can play in managing increasing flood risk while enhancing biodiversity. The Thames Landscape Strategy (TLS) and Joint Thames Strategy (JTS) refresh work is progressing well.



Communication is fundamental to our work. Monthly Email Newsletter subscriptions grew 20% to more than 3,101. Our Instagram presence grew similarly to 2,495 followers and our relatively new Bluesky account doubled to 123. The Facebook profile Nature in Richmond Borough grew from 15,336 to 21,700. Social media posts helped to strengthen our collaboration with organisations such as Citizen Zoo, Crane Valley Partnership, The Kew Society, Visit Richmond and London Parks.



The Kew Road Ha-ha

Our regular volunteers have dedicated over 80 hours to enhance the 350 meters of wildlife corridor running beside the Kew Road. They have been working to establish it as a pollinator station by planting native daffodil bulbs and sowing native wildflowers. To protect the wall itself and allow passers by to appreciate it, they have been removing larger clumps of bramble and self-sown horse chestnuts and elms. In addition, AOC ran a demonstration archaeology day for members of the public and Vineyard Community.



Sheendale Railway Bridge

Councillor Nancy Baldwin and The Worshipful The Mayor of Richmond, Councillor Penelope Frost at the opening of the newly painted Sheendale Road footbridge. Councillor Baldwin spearheaded this project that engaged children from Holy Trinity School in the creation of a mural design inspired by the social and industrial history of North Richmond. Habitats & Heritage were proud to support this very colourful addition to the landscape, celebrating Richmond's heritage.



Richmond Cultural Commissioning and Richmond Arts and Ideas Festival

Working with the Richmond Arts Service and other partners, Habitats & Heritage has chaired the Cultural Commissioning network over the last year – ensuring that Richmond's diverse cultural offer benefits from collaboration between partners and the council. We have established sub-groups for partners to better align our approaches in areas such as children and young people; and data collection to ensure an inclusive approach. We supported the Richmond Arts and Ideas festival in the summer of 2025 with nature volunteering and heritage walks as well as a river poetry walk along the Thames and small grants to community groups for events at the solstice.



Kingston Nature and History Festival

The Kingston Nature and History Festival took place May 30 to June 1 2025 in Kingston town centre. Organised by Habitats & Heritage and funded by Kingston First's Town Centre Community Fund, the festival engaged between 150 and 200 local residents of all ages with Kingston's nature and history. Local businesses got involved by offering discounts to festival attendees and taking part in the wildlife QR code trail. As well as the QR code trail, there was a bat walk, a talk about Kingston Power Station, a bug hotel building and wildflower planter workshop, a litter picking walk, a wildlife gardening talk, and a local heritage walk.



Cambridge Road Estate

In February, residents joined H&H staff to plant more than 250 bulbs on Cambridge Road estate in Kingston. This project is part of the plan for the regeneration of the estate, bringing colour and helping pollinators.



Richmond Old Burial Ground is maintained as a site for both wildlife and the public. This unique place, next to Grove Gardens Chapel, has deep historical interest as well as being host to several key UK wildlife species such as bats, badgers and toads. We run monthly public volunteer sessions, where we offer the opportunity to be directly involved in conservation management of this unusual space.





Energy Advice

This year SWLEAP (South West London Energy Advice Project) with our partner CREW delivered 178 energy advice events across Richmond, Wandsworth and Kingston. These were in Children's Centres, Foodbanks, Libraries and community centres. We have delivered 631 home energy visits to vulnerable clients. All funded by SGN (Southern Gas Network). We supported Richmond and Wandsworth Council to deliver on the Warm Pack Project which included handing out 2,480 Warm Home Packs and providing over 300 households with deeper interventions such as heated throws and infrared heaters (clients in D or below EPC rated properties and under £40,000 income.) Through this project we have helped to reduce energy costs, lower carbon emissions and make homes more energy efficient.

Fund-raising events



Plant Sale for Wildlife
Our much-loved Plant Sale for Wildlife at Kilmorey Mausoleum was a blooming success! With sunshine, smiles and a real buzz in the air, the event was full of energy and enthusiasm. We were delighted to welcome 559 members of the local community, whose fantastic support helped raise over £5,000.



Secret Art Auction
Our biggest fundraiser, the Secret Art Auction, celebrated its 10th anniversary in style. The auction showcased an incredible collection of 272 original works by 147 talented artists, including many Royal Academicians and raising over £12,000.



Welcome and other tales with Axel Scheffler
We finished our fundraising year with a truly special festive event featuring world-renowned illustrator and Habitats & Heritage patron, Axel Scheffler. During the event, Axel delighted audiences by reading and live-drawing characters from his latest book, Welcome, created with Alison Green. Thanks to their incredible support, we were thrilled to raise over £6,000.

Snapshots from 2025-26



Cllr Liz Green, Mayor of Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames with Dr Ann Hagell, Chair of H&H



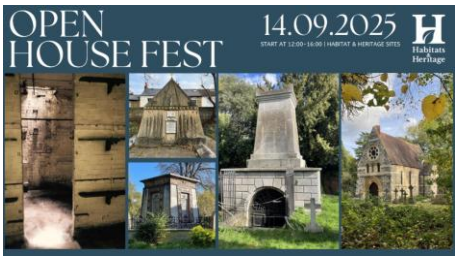
Talks on Burton and Islam



Chapel Underpinning inscription



Removing invasive Himalayan Balsam



Open House Festival



Archaeology at Kew Ha-ha



English as an Additional Language group at Kilmorey Mausoleum



Grove Gardens Chapel during restoration



Spoon Club – wood carving at Grimwood Road

THANKS TO ALL OUR PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

Habitats & Heritage works with a wide range of partners and depends upon them not only for financial support but also for delivering work and embedding the benefits of projects in the long term.

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St. Mary's Church Wimbledon
Strawberry Hill House
Superhighways
Surbiton Farmers Market
Thames Landscape Strategy
Thames Water
The Hayburn Trust
Treasury Wine Estates
University of West London
Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust
Wimbledon Museum
Zoological Society of London

Sincere thanks to all who gave time, money and support to Habitats & Heritage

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The principal sources of funding during the year 2025-26 were: (1) grants awarded to Habitats & Heritage to carry out work which is in accordance with its objects and (2) donations from members of the public through subscription and fund-raising events.

In 2025-26 grants were given by Historic England, the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames and many other donors listed in the Annual Report in this document. The Trustees are very grateful to these organisations and individuals for their support.

Reserves Policy

H&H aims to hold sufficient funds to ensure that Habitats & Heritage can meet its obligations. We aim to build reserves of unrestricted funds sufficient for at least three months of core costs (i.e. other than specific projects) in addition to closing down costs. In 2025-26 the target was £60,000.

Funds in deficit

There were no funds in deficit at the end of the accounting year.

Investment policy and objectives

Habitats & Heritage does not have significant funds to invest in medium or long term. Funds above those needed to deal with day-to-day transactions are kept on bank deposit.

Funds held as custodian for others

Habitats & Heritage acted as an Agent for five community groups, managing incoming and outgoing funds on their behalf. Habitats & Heritage acts in accordance with the direction of the groups, whilst ensuring that the use of the funds is consistent with Habitats & Heritage's charitable purposes and duties. Receipts and disbursements are not recognised as income and expenditure of Habitats & Heritage. Details of the groups and movements of funds are in note 7 to the accounts.

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Habitats & Heritage is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

History of Habitats & Heritage

Habitats & Heritage was set up to promote sustainable development mainly in South West London and to foster partnership working. The name *Habitats & Heritage* was adopted by South West London Environment Network (SWLEN), retaining the company and charity numbers and registering changes to the Articles of Association. SWLEN became a registered Company and Charity in 2010-11. The Articles of Association were amended by special resolution on 25th November 2020. In 2020-21 Habitats & Heritage assumed responsibility for all assets and liabilities of Environment Trust, which deregistered as a Company and Charity during 2021-22.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Trustee Board of Habitats & Heritage is made up of a minimum of five and a maximum of fifteen Trustees. On 31st March 2026 there were nine Trustees.

New Trustees undergo an induction programme to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the contents of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, Annual Review and Business plans, Habitats & Heritage's decision-making process, and its financial performance including the most recent financial statements. During this induction new Trustees meet staff, volunteers and existing Trustees of Habitats & Heritage.

Organisational structure

The Board of Trustees governs Habitats & Heritage. The Board meets a minimum every two months and has several sub-committees overseeing aspects of the work in more detail. Day to day running of Habitats & Heritage is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.
A number of projects carry out specific activities under the management of a project leader who reports to the Chief Executive Officer.

Related Parties

The Trustees confirm that there were no transactions with related parties during the period.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which Habitats & Heritage is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud or error.

The Trustees' strategy is to review the risks that Habitats & Heritage faces on a regular basis and to integrate risk into the strategic and business planning process. It has a risk register which is regularly reviewed by the Board.

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DECLARATION

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- For the year ending 31st March 2026 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts
- These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Signed



Ann Hagell, Chair and Trustee

30th September 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HABITATS & HERITAGE

I report on the accounts for the charity for the year ended 31st March 2026.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed
It is my responsibility to:

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

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

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the Trustees have not met the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Charities Act

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



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Date: 05/10/2026

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of financial activities for the year ending 31st March 2026

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2025/26 Total Funds	2024/25 Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:					
Investment income	3	4,946		4,946	3,001
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Activities for generating funds					
Grants and contracts	4	900	638,320	639,220	623,159
Donations and legacies		50,750	21,532	72,282	58,714
Gift aid		119	693	812	6,401
Fund-raising events and items for sale		34,494	1,105	35,599	33,266
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		**91,209**	**661,650**	**752,858**	**724,541**
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities					
Promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public principally in South West London	5	72,528	735,876	808,403	516,785
Cost of generating funds		8,881		8,881	10,137
				0	0
Support costs		23,540	9,368	32,908	32,485
				0	0
Governance costs		1,763		1,763	2,293
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		**106,712**	**745,243**	**851,956**	**561,699**
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE					
Before transfer		-15,504	-83,594	-99,097	162,842
Gross transfer between funds	6	22,644	-22,644		
Net incoming/outgoing resources		7,141	-106,238	-99,097	162,842
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total H&H funds brought forward		42,133	338,292	380,425	217,583
Funds held as Agent	7		9,249	9,249	8,814
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**49,274**	**241,303**	**290,576**	**389,239**

Balance sheet at 31 March 2026

£	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	31/3/2026 Total funds	31/3/2025 Total funds
FIXED ASSETS	8			-	-
CURRENT ASSETS				-	-
Investment and leases	9	10		10	10
Debtors and prepayments	10	2,861	4,359	7,220	2,820
Cash at bank		48,536	238,841	287,377	527,261
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		51,407	243,200	294,607	530,091
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	2,133	1,898	4,031	11,134
Deferred income				-	129,718
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,133	1,898	4,031	140,852
NET CURRENT ASSETS		49,273	241,302	290,576	389,239
				-	-
NET TOTAL ASSETS		49,273	241,302	290,576	389,239
FUNDS					
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		49,273		49,273	42,133
RESTRICTED FUNDS			232,054	232,054	338,292
FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN OR AGENT	7		9,249	9,249	8,814
TOTAL FUNDS		49,273	241,302	290,576	389,239

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st March 2026.

The Trustees have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2026 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with the 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 charitable company as at the end of each financial year and its 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 company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS102). The company therefore claims exemption from preparing a cash flow statement.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 30th September 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:



Ann Hagell
Chair & Trustee



Sabir Mughal
Treasurer & Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ending 31st March 2026

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention
The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities (2019).

Incoming resources
All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Funds held as Custodian or Agent are not accounted as charitable income (see note 7).

Resources expended
Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Assets worth more than £2,500 are capitalised when future economic benefits will flow to Habitats & Heritage beyond the end date of an accounting period and that the cost of the item can be measured reliably. See also note 8.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds may be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.
Restricted funds may only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.
Funds held as Custodian or Agent are not included in the Charitable Funds of Habitats & Heritage. See Note 7 below.
Funds are detailed by name in 'Movement in Funds' on page 27

Hire purchase and leasing commitments
Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustees' Expenses
No Trustees were paid expenses during the year.

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

		2025/26		2024/25
Bank account interest	£	4,955	£	3,001

4. INCOMING FUNDS

Grants and Contracts		2025/26		2024/25
Total grants	£	639,220	£	623,159

The two largest grants in 2025/26 were:

- £134,366 from National Lottery Heritage Fund for the restoration of Sir Richard Burton's Tomb. Other grants and restricted donations for the restoration brought total income of £144,701, of which £133,548 was expended (see Movement in Funds, below)

- £122,968 from National Lottery Heritage Fund for the restoration of Sir Joseph Bazalgette's mausoleum, of which £72,794 was expended or transferred (see Movement in Funds, below)

5. EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

See also income and expenditure detailed on the last page

Year	Gross Wages and Salaries £	Employer's National Insurance £	Employer's Contributions to Pensions (NEST) £	Total Before NI Relief £
2025/26	405,933	48,991	9,211	464,135
2024/25	350,497	30,403	7,830	388,730

Small employer's relief on employer's national insurance contributions was claimed. In 2025/26 the total liability was £10,500 less than **Total Before NI Relief** above. NEST Pensions makes no charge to Employers. Employees pay 1.8% charge on every contribution paid into their pot and 0.3% annual management charge on the total value of their pot each year. No other forms of employee benefits were made.

Staff numbers	2025/26	2024/25
Average headcount	15.9	14.5
Full time equivalent	12.1	11

Consultancy and payments to other organisations, £	**2025/26**	**2024/25**
Energy projects	3,361	9,422
Grove Gardens Chapel Restoration	190,961	48,453
River Crane conservation	27,128	27,194
Local parks conservation	3,372	15,779
Sir Richard Burton's Tomb	78,826	
Sir Joseph Bazalgette's mausoleum	8,444	
Sheendale Road bridge mural	9,000	
Other	1,626	
TOTAL	322,718	100,848

6. TRANSFERS OF FUNDS

Total transfers from Restricted to Unrestricted Funds were £22,644, as detailed in Movement of Funds table p 28. Reasons for transfers were: agreed Full Cost Recovery with funders; supporting Restricted Fund to avoid deficit; and surplus funds from projects completed to satisfaction of funders.

7. FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN OR AGENT

Funds were held on behalf of five community groups and expended in accordance with Habitats & Heritage's charitable objectives. No remuneration was made from these funds to the groups or to Habitats and Heritage's committee members, Trustees or staff.

£	OPENING BALANCE 1/4/2025	INCOMING RESOURCES	RESOURCES EXPENDED	TRANSFER OF FUNDS	MOVEMENT IN YEAR	CLOSING BALANCE 31/3/2026
FRIENDS OF HATTON FIELDS	2,257	3,200	5,457	-	-2,257	-
FRIENDS OF HAMPTON HEATH	2,776	-	2,776	-	-2,776	-
FRIENDS OF HATHEROP & OAK AVENUE	3,153	2,077	355	-	1,722	4,875
FRIENDS OF NORTH SHEEN RECREATION GROUND	629	-	629	-	-629	-
RIFLEMAN RESCUE GROUP	-	5,643	1,269	-	4,374	4,374
TOTAL CUSTODIAN FUNDS HELD	8,815	10,920	10,486	-	434	9,249

8. FIXED ASSETS

The capitalisation value for fixed assets is £2,500. No fixed assets were acquired in 2025/26.

9. INVESTMENT AND LEASES

The long term lease of Grove Gardens Chapel is valued at £10.

10. DEBTORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

		2025/26		2024/25
Grant due	£	4,359		-
Prepayments	£	2,861	£	2,820
Total	£	7,220	£	2,820

A grant from London Borough Hammersmith and Fulham for work undertaken in 2025/26 was paid in April 2026

11. CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

		2025/26		2024/25
Independent Examination Fee	£	1,700	£	2,125
Deferred Income	£	-	£	129,718
Other creditors	£	2,331	£	9,009
Total	£	4,031	£	140,852

Independent Examination Fee for 2024/25 was charged at £1,700 after completion of the accounts. The difference was counted as income from a reduced creditor in 2025/26.

MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

£	OPENING BALANCE 1/4/2025	INCOMING RESOURCES	RESOURCES EXPENDED	TRANSFER OF FUNDS	MOVEMENT IN YEAR	CLOSING BALANCE 31/3/2026
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
SHARES & LEASE: UNRESTRICTED	10	0	0	0	0	10
GENERAL FUNDS: UNRESTRICTED	29,599	48,291	-106,399	34,644	-23,464	6,135
CORPORATE VOLUNTEERING	12,523	11,626	-313	-12,000	-686	11,837
R B KINGSTON MAYOR'S FUND	0	31,291	0	0	31,291	31,291
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	**42,133**	**91,209**	**-106,712**	**22,644**	**7,141**	**49,273**
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
AWARDS FOR ALL YOUTH VOLUNTEERING	14,677	0	-9,819	-1,168	-10,987	3,690
BATTING FOR BATS	1,150	0	0	0	0	1,150
BAZALGETTE'S MAUSOLEUM	2,825	124,463	-64,212	-8,582	51,669	54,494
BURTON'S TOMB	3,582	144,701	-133,548	0	11,153	14,735
D S SMITH	3,000	0	-2,240	0	-2,240	760
DONKEY WOOD AND BRAZIL MILL	3,153	0	0	0	0	3,153
GRANTS TO COMMUNITY GROUPS	0	1,000	-1,000	0	0	0
GREEN HUBS LBRuT	4,514	1,864	-2,377	-450	-963	3,551
GREEN HUBS POSTCODE LOTTERY	2,987	0	-2,987	0	-2,987	0
GRIMWOOD ROAD	10,000	2,405	-11,643	-762	-10,000	0
GROVE GARDENS CHAPEL RESTORATION	198,130	33,990	-191,698	0	-157,708	40,421
GROVE GARDENS CHAPEL UPKEEP	0	0	-5,532	5,650	118	118
HISTORIC ENGLAND: CAPACITY	2,653	48,952	-37,876	0	11,076	13,729
HOUNSLOW PARKS	4,160	6,180	-7,200	-1,000	-2,020	2,141
HOUNSLOW TAKE ME TO THE RIVER	8,389	79,703	-66,340	-6,076	7,286	15,676
HUBBUB - SUTTON	3,677	0	-3,677	0	-3,677	0
KEW HA-HA	20,062	2,198	-2,447	0	-249	19,813
KILMOREY MAUSOLEUM	3,042	0	-122	0	-122	2,920
KINGSTON BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN (KBAP)	10,819	0	-8,080	-1,350	-9,430	1,389
KINGSTON FIRST	0	6,750	-6,576	-174	0	0
KINGSTON GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE	500	0	-506	6	-500	0
L B MERTON	2,957	0	-2,957	0	-2,957	0
LBRuT CLIMATE ACTION ETC	155	600	-755	0	-155	0
LBRuT GARDEN SURVEY	4,488	0	-27	0	-27	4,460
LBRuT REPAIR CENTRE FIXERY	0	499	-6,049	5,650	100	100
MARLOW CRESCENT	9,500	0	0	0	0	9,500
MOATED MANOR CO-OP FUNDS	1,667	0	-1,416	-252	-1,667	0
RBK CAMBRIDGE ROAD	0	5,000	-1,798	-640	2,562	2,562
RICHMOND CULTURAL COMMISSIONING	0	11,000	-11,000	0	0	0
RICHMOND OLD BURIAL GROUND	0	6,000	0	0	6,000	6,000
RICHMOND PARKS	5,043	59,263	-49,935	-8,775	553	5,596
SGN ENERGY	347	26,451	-24,019	0	2,432	2,778
SHEENDALE ROAD BRIDGE	0	9,100	-9,000	-100	0	0
ST LEONARDS COURT AIR RAID SHELTER	3,216	967	0	0	967	4,183
SURBITON STREAM THAMES WATER	2,020	0	0	-5	-5	2,015
SWC CRANE	2,405	35,700	-29,770	-3,000	2,930	5,335
THAMES STRATEGY KEW CHELSEA (TSKC)	0	4,359	-3,735	0	624	624
TLS REWILDING ARCADIA	4,344	33,407	-34,644	-1,500	-2,737	1,607
TOWER MUSTARD	0	5,815	-1,092	0	4,723	4,723
UWL INTERNSHIP	0	11,283	-11,166	-117	0	0
VINEYARD PASSAGE BURIAL GROUND	3,289	0	0	0	0	3,289
WARREN GARDENS	1,543	0	0	0	0	1,543
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	**338,292**	**661,650**	**-745,243**	**-22,644**	**-106,238**	**232,054**
FUNDS HELD AS CUSTODIAN OR AGENT	8,815	10,920	-10,486	0	434	9,249
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	389,239	763,778	-862,442	0	-98,663	290,576

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1 APRIL 2025 – 31 MARCH 2026

Detailed statement of financial activities £	2025/26 Unrestricted funds	2025/26 Restricted funds	2025/26 All funds	2024/25 Total
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Investment Income				
Bank interest	4,946		4,946	3,001
Activities for generating funds			-	-
Grants and contracts	900	638,320	639,220	623,159
Donations and legacies	50,750	21,532	72,282	58,714
Gift Aid	119	693	812	6,401
Items for sale	470	1,105	1,575	3,244
Fundraising events	34,024	-	34,024	30,022
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	**91,209**	**661,650**	**752,858**	**724,541**
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Activities				
Salaries and NI Costs	70,766	372,759	443,525	377,340
Consultancy and grants given	-	322,718	322,718	100,848
Project purchases and miscellaneous costs	86	37,344	37,429	32,106
Subscriptions	1,675	721	2,396	1,116
Travel, subsistence and training		2,334	2,334	5,374
Sundry project costs				
Total Charitable Activities	**72,528**	**735,876**	**808,403**	**516,785**
Support Costs				
Salaries allocated to support costs	10,109	-	10,109	6,390
Office Costs	3,379	2,902	6,281	6,367
Insurance	2,011	2,875	4,886	4,892
Rent	4,384	2,252	6,636	10,282
Telephone and internet	672	61	733	420
Travel, subsistence and training	280	892	1,171	2,187
Website and IT	2,705	386	3,091	1,948
Total Support Costs	**23,540**	**9,368**	**32,908**	**32,484**
Cost of Generating Funds				
Fund raising costs	8,881	-	8,881	10,137
Total Cost of Generating Funds	**8,881**	**-**	**8,881**	**10,137**
Governance Costs			-	
Independent Examiner's Fees	1,763	-	1,763	2,125
Filing and other governance		-	-	168
Total Governance Costs	**1,763**	**-**	**1,763**	**2,293**
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	**106,712**	**745,243**	**851,956**	**561,699**
Net Income before Fund Transfers	-15,504	-83,594	-99,097	162,842
Fund Transfers	22,644	-22,644		
Net Income / Expenditure after Fund Transfers	7,141	-106,238	-99,097	162,842