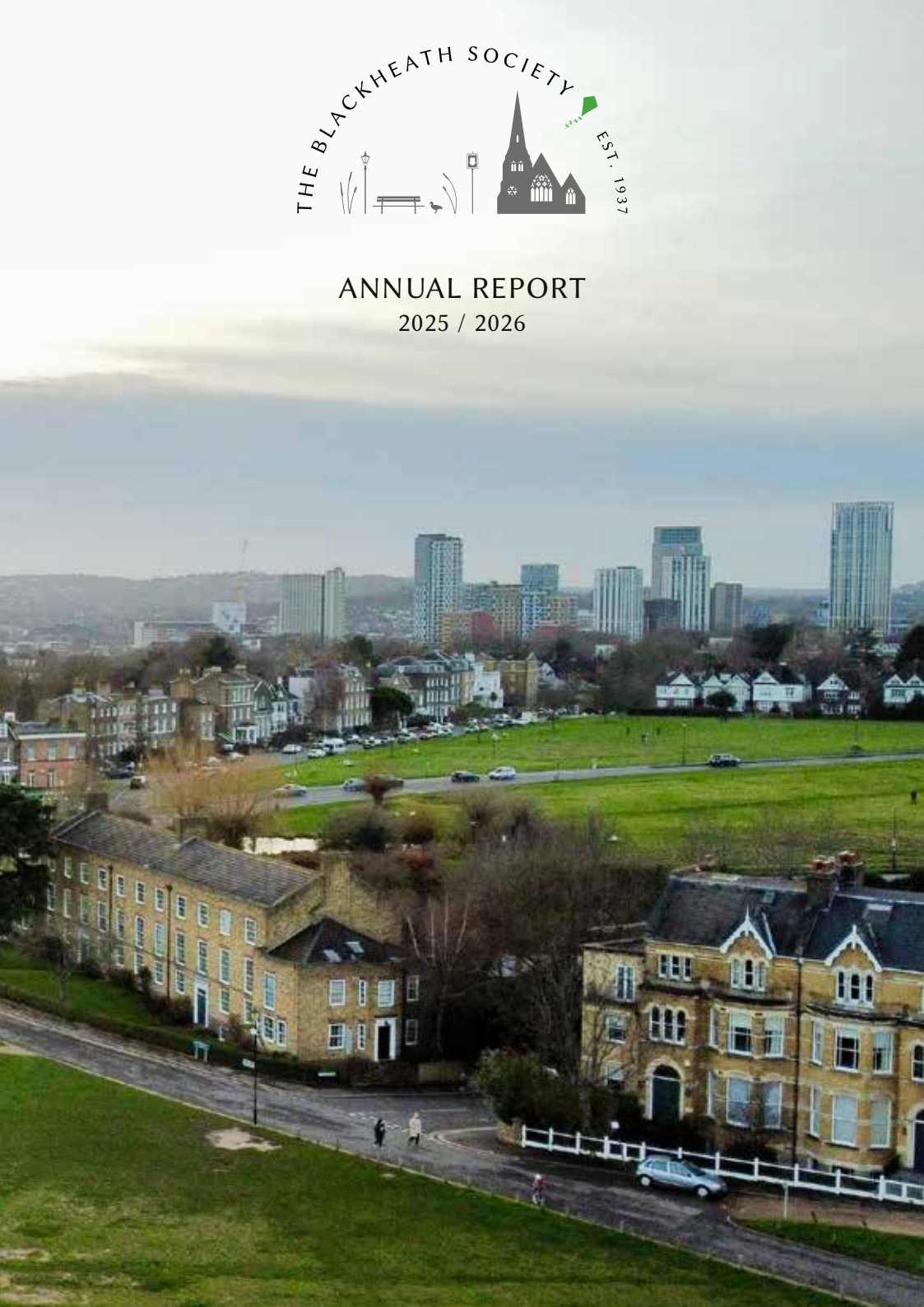
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WHAT DOES THE BLACKHEATH SOCIETY DO?

The Society can claim many achievements since its foundation in 1937. We work with local councils, residents, amenity groups, traders, police and national bodies - with everyone who can contribute to the enhancement of Blackheath.

We aim to preserve and enhance for the benefit of the public the features of Blackheath of particular beauty or historical and architectural interest; to protect its open spaces from disfigurement or encroachment, particularly the Heath; to encourage high standards of planning and architecture in its new buildings; to promote improvements to the amenities of the area and to encourage appreciation of its character and history.

BLACKHEATH VILLAGE

We work with other community organisations and local traders to enhance the Village and organise and support local events, such as talks and visits to places of local interest.

THE HEATH

We work to preserve the health and enjoyment of the Heath and oppose commercial exploitation and damage from overuse.

TRAFFIC AND TRAVEL

We monitor major developments that have an effect on the traffic in Blackheath. We campaign for better railway and bus services and for station improvements.

PLANNING AND CONSERVATION

We encourage good modern design, while preserving our existing heritage. We scrutinise planning proposals for buildings and trees, andadvise local councils and appear at public inquiries.

HISTORY AND EDUCATION / EVENTS

We maintain a unique archive of more than 40,000 images of Blackheath. We sponsor talks, exhibitions and publications about the history of the area, organise local walks and publish guides.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

JOIN THE SOCIETY

Keep up to date with local news and have a voice in future developments..

JOIN OUR ACTIVITIES

Whether you have expertise in our areas of interest or time to give practical help, along with other people involved in Village life.

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CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION



This joint report is presented by Paul Watts and Ana Sutherland. After over seven years as Chair, Paul stepped down at the start of this year, handing over to Ana who joined as a trustee in 2022 and has been leading the Architecture Group since 2021.

In 2025 we had another busy and productive year for trustees, volunteers, and members. A varied programme of events included local walks and visits further afield. Talks covered the Bennetts of Blackheath, Lee New Town and Lewisham history. Our fifth annual Kite Day, held in excellent weather in October, was again a highlight. In April 2026 we organized a talk by Sir Charles Saumarez Smith on 'Vanbrugh and Greenwich' with the Greenwich Historical Society and the Greenwich and Westcombe Societies.

Our archive project made strong progress, including processing material from our late President, Neil Rhind, and completing his two posthumous publications: Walking Westcombe and Blackheath Village and Environs Volume 4. Additional donations, including a significant postcard collection, have been received, and cataloguing work continues. We are grateful for the work of Len O'Reilly and Allan Griffin in this regard.

Planning matters were dominated by proposals concerning the station car park redevelopment, where the Society worked closely with residents and businesses. Other key issues included developments at the Clarendon Hotel and Leegate and ongoing work relating to trees and the Greenwich Local Plan. Thanks are due to Howard Shields for his long-standing leadership of the planning group.

Community initiatives included supporting the relocation of the William Mitchell mural to Brooklands Primary School. The refurbishment of Blackheath Station was completed at a cost of £1.7m and received national recognition. Efforts continue to secure improved rail services.

The local retail environment continues to evolve, with several new businesses opening. We actively engaged with new and existing firms on their shopfronts and signage. The Blackheath Joint Working Party remains important to oversee activity on the Heath, including the return of the fireworks event. Improvements to benches, litter bins and planting were also undertaken.

As Paul steps down he remains a trustee and resumes the role of Treasurer, and for that his fellow trustees are very grateful. We would like to thank our former treasurer Andrew Westbrook and Diane Summers, who resigned at the end of the year, for their contributions since 2018. We have since then welcomed Yadav Bhandari as a trustee.

In 2026 we are saying farewell to three long-standing trustees. Howard Shields (Chair 2009-2014, a trustee since 2008 and chair of our planning group); John Bartram (trustee since 2009 and editor of over 50 Newsletters) and Allan Griffin (trustee since 2014 and leader of our archive projects). We would like to record our personal thanks for all their hard work, help and wise counsel over the years.

We are both delighted that the Society continues to thrive, with strong support, and is well positioned for the year ahead.

Many people are talking about the death of the British high street. That may be too dramatic, but many UK town centres have certainly seen better days. Britain witnessed a huge number of chains closing in 2025 and that trend has continued this year.

Among the names announcing closures have been Claire's, Lloyds Bank, GAME, Revolution, TGI Friday's and Quiz, while the future of dozens of Russell Bromley stores is also uncertain.

A UK pub closed around every five days in the first three months of last year amid pressure from higher taxes and regulatory costs according to industry figures. So how is Blackheath faring?

Our Village is bucking the trend as we have not lost any pubs and last year we welcomed 14 new businesses to our "High Street".

These are: Theatre of Wine, Nest and Vine wine bar, Blackheath Coffee Co, Blue Tit hair salon, Hugo Oliver bathrooms, Caffe Nero, Le Creuset, Goldex Ladies Gym, Lee Green Aesthetics, Aesthetics by Lauren Turner, Tiny Brew Café, Spaland, The Blackheath House Restaurant and The Khans Indian restaurant.



Panas was successful and moved to a larger site further up the Village, taking over an empty site at 1 Lee Road, and we are now also awaiting the opening of Sainsbury's new store on Tranquil Vale.

But we do have some issues in the Village. The Metropolitan Police Neighbourhood Team reported they increased their efforts to combat shoplifting in Blackheath following feedback from residents and stores.

The person who smashed Space NK's window has been caught and the prolific offender at BP in Lee High Road. There have also been some fake money issues.

The Society is still campaigning to ban HGVs from the village and this will be taken up with the new Councillors. We will also be working with the Council regarding improving the refuse collection especially at the top of Montpelier Vale.

Franco Manca is closing many sites in the UK, but not in Blackheath, and the same can be said of Cancer Research. However, Mary's Living and Giving is closing.



We should also be proud of our newly restored station which was nominated in this year's National Railway Heritage Awards competition following its £1.7 million makeover, unveiled at the end of July.

Blackheath Station's Grade 2 listed heritage status restoration took two years to complete, the colours were changed from Southeastern purple to Victorian rail-era heritage green and cream and many other historical elements were restored, including the weight sign rescued by the Society.

Blackheath Village is doing well, which shows how important it is to continue to support our local shops and restaurants.

EVENTS AND TALKS

Members enjoyed a varied and busy year as we deepened social contacts and learned more about the local area in Blackheath.

We ran several Walk & Talks covering the River Quaggy from Lee Green to Lewisham, the Limehouse Cut *(below)* and a walk from Oxleas Wood to Abbey Wood for bluebells.



St Pancras and Somers Town and the rich history of the Waterloo area also featured in walks further afield, while during Open House weekend we offered tours of the Span houses and the notable individuals buried in St Margaret's Churchyard *(seen below*).



The Architecture Group was active in Greenwich, Eltham, Bromley and the Bellingham housing association project *(seen right),* finding and explaining projects where planning, affordable housing and good modern design came together. Trips to the West End to see Drawing Matter, the archive collection of James Gowan, and to the Arram Gallery were most inspiring.

Our annual lecture on social housing was well attended. The Society assisted in the relocation of the William Mitchell mural to Brooklands School and we organised a successful presentation about this.

The group had a treat on its annual summer day out when it was shown round the private Mallard House Estate in Twickenham, combined with a visit to Strawberry Hill.

In the autumn the Society held an interesting talk on the development and past residents of Bennett Park covering Donald McGill, Arthur Eddington and the GPO Film Unit.

The winter months brought enlightening Zoom talks on the history of the Royal Observatory, the pioneering struggle of Blackheath resident Etta Lemon to set up the RSPB, a brief history of Lewisham and the story of Lee New Town with illustrations from a trove of historic photos from St Margaret's Church.

We helped co-ordinate switching on the festive lights for Christmas, an excellent occasion when singing, dancing, vintage cars and the community spirit of Blackheath residents were much in evidence.

Small groups of members continue to meet regularly at the Princess of Wales for a lunchtime drink and a chat, and all members are always welcome. Thank you to all who contributed to our many events.



THE HEATH

The Heath attracts many visitors and provides an increasingly important source of income for Greenwich and Lewisham, who share its management. The Blackheath Joint Working Party, of which we are an active member, brings together the councils with community representatives to advise on this.

In 2025 it received a proposal from a commercial company for the return of the much missed fireworks display on the Saturday closest to November 5, as there had been no funding for several years.

People needed to pay for tickets, the longer event was gated, with musical performances, food and drink stalls and a fair. Views were divided - many delighted at its return and others concerned the cost could be divisive and the larger festival more disruptive.

The display was greatly enjoyed, but rain put a dampener on some activities. The real problems were experienced before and afterthe event. Eight-foot barriers covered an extensive area of the Heath for more than a week. All roads in the Village were closed at 3pm in the middle of Saturday trading.

Heavy vehicles driving on the Heath in very wet weather caused considerable damage which took a long time to repair. We hope these issues will be addressed if the event continues, and that the fireworks can again become a welcome annual event.

The London Marathon is hugely popular. The day is always well managed and we welcome thousands of visitors, with many discovering its attractions for the first time. We will watch with interest current suggestions it could take place over two days next year to allow more runners. Clearly this would have a major impact on traders and residents and would need very careful planning.

With local government funding in short supply, most new developments have to rely on grants for special projects. Money is still available in the Community Fund donated by successive summer music festivals and this is allocated by the BJWP.

The much-anticipated butterfly survey was completed this year by Joe Beale and was well received. We published the full report on our website, providing valuable information about environmental changes affecting our butterfly populations and the importance of careful habitat management.

A new project is now being considered to encourage and monitor the distribution of bees in south-east London, with emphasis on bumblebees. The Heath is of special interest as two of the rarest and most threatened species have been seen. The project, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, would be managed by a specialist conservation group and would require a 10-year contract with both councils to maintain the sites, including the planting and care of more wild flowers.

Two years ago, the Society secured a grant from the Community Fund to remedy muddy patches caused by soil erosion under well-used benches. We donated additional funds and can now establish brick footings under 10 benches near Royal Parade and All Saints.

Lewisham has seen a significant amount of building. A side-product is the Community Infrastructure Levy which developers have to pay. In 2025 the Council allocated a significant amount of this to the Heath.

In response to our project, 12 more benches near the Hare and Billet pond have now received brick footings and can continue to be used, even after rainy periods.

Other improvements funded by the levy are new litter bins with lids, replacement trees at the pond and a further £30,000 towards the children's play area in Talbot Place.

PLANNING

A core element of the Society's mission to preserve and enhance Blackheath is carried out by the Planning Group, comprising 10 dedicated volunteers.

The group scanned nearly 600 applications to Lewisham and Greenwich Councils for buildings and trees in 2025 and 27 detailed submissions were made after scrutiny.

While there was a significant drop in the number of applications, due to the housing market situation, our workload increased significantly because of the complexity of a number of cases.

The most important application was by developer Acorn to develop the station car park *(seen below),* proposing three blocks and 45 units. This is the biggest planning issue facing the Village for decades and resulted in a huge community effort in response. The Society is not opposed in principle to making use of the underused car park, but we strongly object to this project on multiple grounds.

The Society worked in collaboration with an outstanding residents' group. We coordinated the response of local businesses, analysing, discussing, securing and funding the professional input required to deal with this challenge.
An unprecedented total of nearly 1,200 objections was received by Lewisham.

Our initial submission in April 2025 strongly objected to the plans on multiple grounds: inappropriate design, significant loss of amenity, serious impact on the economic viability of the Village and the Sunday Farmers' Market.

A public consultation meeting took place in July 2025, then a lengthy follow-up period involving submission of multiple reports on the various issues identified. The proposal came to the Planning Committee on January 27. During a four-hour meeting it was clear councillors, very concerned about a range of issues, were minded to reject the plan.

An intervention by the Chair then resulted in a deferral, rather than rejection, to allow further analysis and input before the committee reconvenes, probably in late summer, and our preparation work is continuing intensively for the next stage. We should acknowledge the strong support from our local councillors in all the work so far.

Other significant local projects we have taken action on include:

We objected to the plan to erect a **20-metre phone mast** in Montpelier Vale on the Heath and this was rejected on appeal. The long-outstanding plan to secure the future of the **Bowls Club in Brooklands Park,** relocating to the end of Blackheath Park and developing the current site as Community Open Space.

We have always supported the basic objective but this a very complex scheme and the latest submission still falls short in



respect of a number of key details. Hopefully these will be suitably clarified.

The proposal to convert the **Clarendon Hotel** (*below)* into a residential home. We welcomed much of this and did not oppose it in principle, but objected to the over-development of this key site, with significant impacts on amenity of neighbours and the view from the Heath. The outcome is awaited.

Plans for the **Huntsman site** next to the Cator Estate. After earlier plans were rejected in 2018 a new scheme was submitted for consultation. Not surprisingly, given the evolution of the housing situation, this is for a more intensive 256-unit development. We continue to oppose these plans, for their scale and impact on the Estate and for access issues. A formal application is awaited.

The Planning Group also devotes significant effort to major developments on our periphery, both to ensure effective scrutiny and to support other local groups. We focused on two major plans submitted last year.

In **Leegate**, after ignoring an earlier approval and years of delay, revised plans came from the new developer London Square for a complex of over 600 units including a 17-storey tower.



Despite being in complete contravention of Lewisham's recently approved **Local Plan**, and in the face of considerable local opposition, this was approved. The very high affordable housing content was a key factor.

Approval was also given for the first stage of the huge Land Securities plan to totally redevelop the **Lewisham Town Centre**. There is much to welcome in this scheme, but again we object to the extreme heights proposed.

We continue to have success in protecting trees in Blackheath, thanks to our dedicated volunteers. The more limited protection for them, relative to buildings, means this is a challenge.

But council tree officers have been receptive in many cases to our proposals to protect significant trees with Tree Protection Orders, and to our suggestions for modifying proposals or replanting where appropriate.

Enforcement of council guidelines is an area where they have committed to increasing their efforts. We follow up cases notified to the Society. It remains to be seen whether council resources dedicated to this area will be adequate.

Finally, planning policy. Although sometimes ignored in practice, local plans for Lewisham and Greenwich are major elements of the planning system.

These are revised and reissued – a long and complex process – about every 10 years. In Lewisham, a new Plan came into force in 2025, while in Greenwich we offered very detailed input to their draft Plan now under consultation.

It is heartening to see some of our input being taken up.

ARCHIVE



The transfer of Neil Rhind's physical legacy to the Society has been completed this year. Work continues on cataloguing it and details of the contents have been recorded in previous annual reports.

Discussions are ongoing about the best way of making it available to the wider public and decisions are expected in the coming year.

The Society continued to add to the archive, with Blackheath residents making valuable contributions. Recent acquisitions include a collection of early 20thC Blackheath postcards from Graham Lane.

The difficulties of managing an increasingly complex and diverse archive collection by a team of volunteers have been addressed by dividing responsibility between the people dealing with the physical artefacts and those responsible for the digitisation process.

We welcome Len Reilly, who has considerable local authority archive experience, to the archive team. He has made constructive recommendations about the future of the physical archive.

Work is continuing on creating a database which will allow the Society to track its physical and digital resources more effectively.

Neil, who died in February 2024, possessed unparalleled knowledge of local history and events. It is hoped that the database will now help the Society respond to a steady stream of requests for local information from the public.

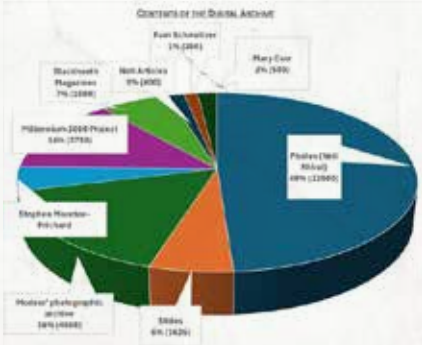
It contains 40,297 photographs and 91 videos in more than 350 galleries and has welcomed 22,752 visitors since it opened.

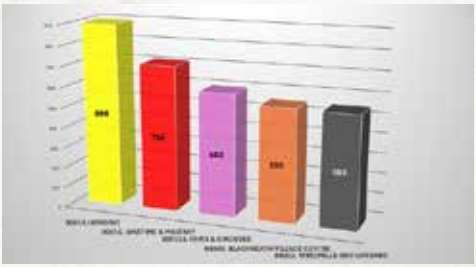
There is currently an average 93 visitors per month, or 22 each week. We hope that the web redesign will be completed in the coming year, with improved search facilities.

The Digital Archive - The chart below shows the major constituent elements of the digital archive which can be viewed on our website at www.blackheatharchive.org.

The website has four main sections - photographs, films, archive publications and facilities. We would expect the number of visitors to increase. Historic photos are the most popular, in the second chart below.

Thanks the ever-diligent archive volunteers - Len Reilly, Jo Swadkin, John Sabido, Gesine Schmidt, and special thanks to Hilary Weedon who worked on the archive for more than 10 years. Montpelier Vale is seen above in 1906.





TREASURER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The Society's results on unrestricted funds before gains or losses on investment assets was a deficit of £2,352 (2023: surplus of £7,456). The net movement in total funds was a surplus of £37,717 (2023: surplus of £3,395).

The Society's annual income, mainly from membership fees and investment income, covers routine office and other overheads.

The aim is to ensure annual running costs are controlled carefully and met from annual income and that budgets are set accordingly.

Expenditure on additional or special projects and activities is generally funded by reserves or from donations and other sources.

For special projects, external grants and donations are sought and raised wherever possible, but always in conjunction with the use of the Society's own designated funds.

The Society's membership increased during the year by 105 households to 1043. The household membership fee remained at £20 per annum for 2025 and it has been unchanged since 2018.

All money received to support these events, and the relevant expenditure, is shown under our unrestricted funds in the accounts.

The Society continues to hold a property investment asset, the freehold of Tranquil Hall in Blackheath Village, which was revalued in 2022 and is held at £410,000 in the accounts (2024: £410,000). It is rented to Heath House, a local Preparatory School.

The Equities Investment Fund for Charities (Charifund) Investments, included within fixed assets, was valued at £244,813 at the year end (2024: £208,656). These investments generated income for the year of £13,392 (2024: £10,292). This income is used to support the normal activities of The Society.

The Society's Trustees regularly review the requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation.

This includes reviewing relevant guidance from the Charities Commission as well as other information shared with the Trustees from time to time.

The Trustees have an obligation to ensure the Society holds sufficient unrestricted financial reserves to protect the Society.

This includes from the risk of insolvency and from serious disruption to its work.

The Trustees also consider the need to retain sufficient reserves to support any major campaign thought appropriate.

After taking into account the permanent investments (Tranquil Hall and the Charifund) and forecast normal and project expenditure requirements of the Society, the Trustees consider that the reserves held were at an appropriate level at 31 December 2025.

The Society's total funds were £669,393 at 31 December 2025 (2024: £631,676) and the Society remains in a strong financial position. Copies of the full accounts are available from our secretary.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Unrestricted (£)	Restricted (£)	Total 31 December 2025 (£)	Total 31 December 2024 (£)
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:				
Donations and legacies	22,362	-	22,362	21,048
Charitable activities	12,216	3,912	16,128	8,062
Investment income	43,953	-	43,953	41,325
Total income	**78,531**	**3,912**	**82,443**	70,435
EXPENDITURE ON:				
Charitable activities	(80,883)	-	(80,883)	(71,590)
Total expenditure	(80,883)	-	(80,883)	(71,590)
Gains/losses on revaluation of fixed assets for charity's own use	36,157	-	36,157	4,550
Net income / (expenditure)	33,805	3,912	37,717	3,395
Gross transfers between funds	(1,884)	1,884	-	-
Net movement in funds	**31,921**	**5,796**	**37,717**	3,395
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total funds brought forward	**614,066**	**17,610**	**631,676**	628,281
Total funds carried forward	**645,987**	**23,406**	**669,393**	631,676

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

Registration number 1196292

	2025 (£)	2024 (£)
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	979	-
Investments	654,813	618,656
	655,792	618,656
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stocks	5,226	3,242
Debtors	14,401	11,590
Cash at bank and in hand	44,265	42,542
	63,892	57,374
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(49,961)	(43,858)
Net current assets	13,931	13,516
Total assets less current liabilities	669,723	632,172
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	**(330)**	(496)
Net assets	**669,393**	631,676
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:		
Restricted income funds		
Restricted funds	**23,406**	17,610
Unrestricted income funds		
Unrestricted funds	**645,987**	614,066
TOTAL FUNDS	**669,393**	631,676

KITE DAY

The Society's largest annual event, the Kite Day on the Heath, again drew crowds of several thousands to enjoy an afternoon of sunshine and free fun on Sunday October 12.

A strong wind only blew intermittently, so the large display kites belonging to the Kent Kite Flyers (KKF), a group of enthusiasts from the coast, found it difficult to launch until the end of the day. Our Chair Paul Watts joked to a reporter from The Times, which reviewed our event: "If you want to guarantee a calm weekend in October, you only have to organise a kite festival."

However, hundreds of smaller kites, brought by children and their parents, or purchased from the KKF stall, filled the skies and provided enough traditional fun for the whole afternoon. When there was enough puff, the crowds were treated to a giant smiley face, a galleon in full sail and a multi-coloured manta ray high in the blue sky, as well as many smaller kites that caught the wind more easily.

Botton's Family Funfair again provided an extra reassurance to the Kite Day organisers that, no matter what the weather decides to do, there will always be funfair rides to enjoy. The Society was grateful, as in previous years, to the Botton Family for their generous help with the event.

As always, the talented pupils of Grinling Gibbons and Oak Gardens Primary Schools in Deptford played their steel pans, adding to the carnival atmosphere. It is always impressive to see them in school uniforms, with their teachers and parents, coming to Blackheath on a Sunday. They were rewarded after playing, with free rides at the funfair.

The 2025 Kite Day was the fifth organised by the Society since we relaunched it after a gap of 10 years caused by a lack of council funding. The old kite festivals, the last of which was in 2010, were funded and organised by Lewisham Council. Nowadays, the Society provides a small amount of help with expenses and all the work is done by enthusiastic volunteers.





We would like to thank Diane Summers, who stood down as a Society trustee at the end of 2025, for all her hard work in resurrecting the Kite Day. This year it will be held on Sunday October 11.



SOCIETY MANAGEMENT

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Paul Watts
to 31 December 2025

Ana Sutherland
from 1 January 2026

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John Schofield

Howard Shields

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Liz Wright

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Sacha Bright

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PHOTO CREDITS

We would like to thank Thomas Sutherland, son of Society Chair Ana, for his photograph on the front and back covers of this report for the third year in succession. His portfolio can be seen on www.thomasfranciscosut.wixsite.com/ts-drone-photography.

The Kite Day photographs were taken by Stephan Magne and the other photograhs came from our trustees or the Society's archive.

The annual report was edited and produced by John Bartram and designed by Pippa Stanton.



This 1846 archive drawing illustrated the dangers of riding on the Heath.



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The Blackheath Society

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Trustee's Report for the year ended 31 December 2025

Chair's report

This is my last report as Chair, after just over 7 years in the role, having handed over to Ana Sutherland on 1 January 2026.

2025 was another active year for the Society and its volunteers, trustees and members. We ran a packed programme of events including many walks and talks. There were local walks around the Quaggy and the Upper Kid Brook, some further afield such as Marylebone and Charing Cross, and a day out to Strawberry Hill house arranged by the Architecture Group. Talks included The Bennetts of Blackheath, Lee New Town, Fashion Fury & Feminism (the works of Etta Lemon) and Lewisham history. We also held the 5th annual free Kite Day on the heath in October, on another glorious autumnal weekend. Thanks to the events team including Liz Wright, Ana Sutherland (who also chairs the Architecture Group) and Diane Summers for all her work over the years on Kite Day.

The archive project continues, with the processing of the vast amount of documentation from our late President, Neil Rhind, and we also completed the work with Neil's literary executors on the publication of two unfinished books – "Walking Westcombe" (in June 2025) and "Volume 4 of Blackheath Village and Environs" (after the year end, in March 2026). The archive also received other collections including an amazing postcard collection from John Graham Lane. Work continues on cataloguing and preserving all these historical records, and we have been grateful for the work of Len O'Reilly and Allan Griffin in this regard.

The planning group's workload in 2025 was dominated by the proposal for development of the station car park and temporary re-location of the farmers' market during construction, this project was in the consultation period in 2024 this matter will continue well into the current year. The Society has been working closely with the residents and local business groups on this important issue and members have been kept up to date with articles in the newsletter and through the weekly news for members emails. The planning group also dealt with a large number of other issues and summarised the year as one dominated with a few major issues rather than the large number of smaller developments seen in previous years. Other major projects reviewed included the Montpelier Vale communication mast, Brooklands' Park Bowls Club, Richmount Gardens, the Clarendon Hotel, Leegate, a padel tennis application on the Cator Estate and the Huntsman Site as well as commenting on the Greenwich draft local plan and regular work on trees. Thanks especially to Howard Shields for chairing the planning group over many years.

In Richmount Gardens, we helped with the relocation of the William Mitchell mural from the community centre to its new home in Brooklands Primary School where it was unveiled at a community event in November.

The work with Network Rail, Southeastern trains and the Railway Heritage Trust on the repair and redecoration of Blackheath Station (including the return of the weight sign) was finally completed in July at a cost of £1.7m and looks great. The project came second in the National Railway Heritage Awards. Thanks to Nicola Peers for all her work. We continued to press Southeastern for the return of a regular half hourly off-peak service to Charing Cross and this now looks like it will finally happen by the end of 2026.

The retail environment in Blackheath Village continues to change and new businesses featured in our newsletters included Tiny Brew coffee, Spaland, the Blackheath House, Goldex Ladies Gym, le Creuset, Panas, Lee Green Aesthetics and Café Nero. We also featured the new owner of the Bookshop on the Heath in our Spring newsletter.

The Blackheath Joint Working Party (BJWP) met infrequently during the year but remains an important body overseeing activities on the heath, which this year included the return of the Fireworks in November. We are lucky to have our vice chair Helen Reeves representing us on this group. There has also been work done on improving the benches on the heath and new litterbins in the village. Helen and the gardening team have also worked hard on the station and village flowerbeds.

The annual cricket match against the Greenwich Society was postponed again so the Golden Elephant remains (hopefully temporarily) with the Greenwich Society, but there will be a match in 2026.

We continued to attract new people and welcomed around 105 new members in 2025. We held regular new members' evenings to understand interests and there are always opportunities for both new and existing members to assist the Society in its many areas of activity.

As I hand over to Ana, I know that the Society is flourishing and in good hands. I am remaining as a trustee and returning to the role of treasurer.

I would also like to thank our former treasurer Andrew Westbrook who stood down at the 2025 AGM in June, and also to Diane Summers who resigned at the end of the year, for their contributions over many years. We have, since the year end, welcomed Yadav Bhandari as a trustee.

As you will have seen from the AGM notice, we are also saying farewell to three long standing trustees this year. Howard Shields (Chair 2009-2014 and a trustee since 2008, and chair of our planning group); John Bartram (trustee since 2009 and editor of over 50 newsletters) and Allan Griffin (trustee since 2014 and leader of our archive projects especially digitalisation). We will thank them all at the AGM but I would like to record my personal thanks for all their hard work, help and wise counsel over the years.

I would like to conclude with my sincere thanks to our many volunteers, to my fellow Trustees, and especially to our secretary Sacha Bright for her enthusiasm and dedication to the Society during another busy year.

I am delighted that the society continues to thrive, with strong support, and is well positioned for the year ahead.

Financial review

The Society's results on unrestricted funds, before gains or losses on investment assets, was a deficit of £2,352 (2024: surplus of £7,456). The net movement in total funds was a surplus of £37,717 (2024: surplus of £3,395).

The Society's annual income, mainly from membership fees and investment income, covers routine office and other overheads. Expenditure on additional projects and activities is generally funded by reserves or from donations and other sources.

Membership saw an increase to 1,043 households (2024:1,017) The household membership fee remained at £20 per annum for 2025 and has been unchanged since 2018.

The Equities Investment Fund for Charities (Charifund) Investments included within fixed assets was valued at £244,813 at the year end (2024: £208,656). The Charifund investments generated income for the year of £13,392 (2024: £10,292).

We continued to hold a property investment asset, the freehold of Tranquil Hall in Blackheath Village, which was revalued in 2022 and continues to be held at £410,000 in the accounts (2024: £410,000) and is rented to Heath House, a local Preparatory School.

The Society's total funds were £669,393 at 31 December 2025 (2024: £631,376) and we remain in a strong financial position.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees regularly review the Society's requirements for reserves in the light of the main risks to the organisation.

The annual income of the Society is derived from members' subscriptions, donations, investment income and from the rental income received on Tranquil Hall.

The Trustees aim to ensure that annual running costs are controlled carefully and are met from annual income, and that budgets are set accordingly. In the case of special projects, external grants and donations are sought and raised wherever possible, but always in conjunction with the use of the Society's own designated funds.

The possibility always exists that a situation might arise where the Trustees would feel it right to incur significant professional and other costs to meet the objects of the Society. For these reasons, it is considered vital to hold sufficient unrestricted financial reserves to be drawn on in periods of emergency and cash-flow difficulty to protect the Society from the risk of insolvency and from serious disruption to its work, and to enable it to mount any major campaign thought appropriate.

The Trustees therefore consider that the reserves held are at an appropriate level at 31 December 2025.

Appointment, recruitment, and election of Trustees

Management Committee members (Trustees) are appointed in accordance with the Society's Rules, and comprise not less than 10 and not more than 15 members who may be elected at a general meeting or co-opted by the Management Committee. All members of the Society are eligible to stand for appointment, and other than the Chair (whose maximum term is two consecutive terms of three years), one-third of all Trustees must retire from office at each AGM but may stand for re-appointment. Copies of the Rules are available from the Secretary.

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 the charity's objectives and activities and in the planning of future activities. It is the judgement 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 staff, volunteers and trustees the charity operates a strict policy of no discrimination on any grounds.

Risk Management

The Trustees regularly review the major risks to which the Society is exposed. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks that the Society faces. Internal control risks are minimised by the operation of procedures for the authorisation of all transactions and projects, and through the use of a risk register that is reviewed regularly by the Trustees.

Trustees' Report (continued)

Investment Policy

The Trustees adopt a prudent policy and surplus funds are currently held in bank deposit accounts, invested in Charifund units. The Charifund income for the year was £13,392 representing a yield of 5.47% (2024: 4.93%) on a closing valuation of £244,813.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	John Barron (appointed 10 March 2025)
	John Bartram
	Yadav Bhandari (appointed 9 February 2026)
	Allan Griffin
	Sarah Mansfield
	Adam Oliver
	Nicholas Patton
	Nicola Peers
	Dame Helen Reeves
	John Schofield
	Howard Shields
	Diane Summers (resigned 31 December 2025)
	Ana Sutherland
	Paul Watts
	Andrew Westbrook (resigned 26 June 2025)
	Elizabeth Wright
Chair:	Ana Sutherland (appointed 1 January 2026)
	Paul Watts (resigned 31 December 2025)
Vice - Chair:	Dame Helen Reeves
Secretary:	Sacha Bright
Treasurer:	Andrew Westbrook (resigned 26 June 2025)
	Paul Watts (appointed 1 January 2026)
Vice-Presidents:	David Quarmby
	Tony Aldous
	Lord Stone of Blackheath

Trustees' Report (continued)

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 11 May 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



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Paul Watts
Trustee

The Blackheath Society

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Blackheath Society

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

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.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of The Blackheath Society you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the The Blackheath Society 's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

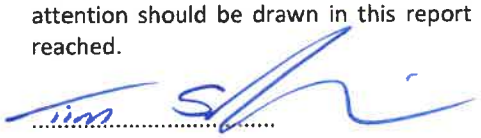
An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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



Tim Sullivan FCA
Field Sullivan Chartered Accountants
9 Hare & Billet Road
Blackheath
London
SE3 0RB

11 May 2026

The Blackheath Society

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	3	22,362	-	22,362	20,048	1,000	21,048
Charitable activities	4	12,216	3,912	16,128	8,062	-	8,062
Investment income	5	43,953	-	43,953	41,325	-	41,325
Total income		78,531	3,912	82,443	69,435	1,000	70,435
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	(80,883)	-	(80,883)	(61,979)	(9,611)	(71,590)
Total expenditure		(80,883)	-	(80,883)	(61,979)	(9,611)	(71,590)
Gains/losses on revaluation of fixed assets for charity's own use		36,157	-	36,157	4,550	-	4,550
Net income/(expenditure)		33,805	3,912	37,717	12,006	(8,611)	3,395
Gross transfers between funds		(1,884)	1,884	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		31,921	5,796	37,717	12,006	(8,611)	3,395
Total funds brought forward		614,066	17,610	631,676	602,060	26,221	628,281
Total funds carried forward	19	645,987	23,406	669,393	614,066	17,610	631,676

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 19.

The Blackheath Society

(Registration number: 1196292)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	979	-
Investments	12	654,813	618,656
		655,792	618,656
Current assets			
Stocks	14	5,226	3,242
Debtors	15	14,401	11,590
Cash at bank and in hand	16	44,265	42,542
		63,892	57,374
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	17	(49,961)	(43,858)
Net current assets		13,931	13,516
Total assets less current liabilities		669,723	632,172
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(330)	(496)
Net assets		669,393	631,676
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		23,406	17,610
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		645,987	614,066
Total funds	19	669,393	631,676

The financial statements on pages 8 to 20 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 11 May 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



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Paul Watts
Trustee

1 Charity status

The charity is domiciled in England and Wales.

The address of its registered office is:
The Old Bakehouse
11 Blackheath Village
Blackheath

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was incorporated on 27 October 2021 and took over the business of the Blackheath Society from 1 January 2022.

2 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Second edition October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The Blackheath Society meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the charity'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 periods in which the estimate is revised where revisions affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revisions affects both current and future periods.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

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.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Furniture and equipment	15% straight line basis

Investment properties

Investment property is carried at fair value, derived from the current market prices for comparable real estate determined annually by external valuers. The valuers use observable market prices, adjusted if necessary for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. Changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out (FIFO).

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Donations and legacies;			
Donations	5,770	5,770	1,608
Donated goods	350	350	-
Legacies	-	-	5,000
Gift aid reclaimed	1,500	1,500	693
Annual subscriptions	14,554	14,554	13,514
Life subscriptions	188	188	233
	22,362	22,362	21,048

Donations in 2025 of £5,770 include £4,640 from a residents' group crowdfunder appeal in respect of the station car park campaign (see note 6).

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Event income	4,047	-	4,047	3,404
Event donation	-	3,912	3,912	-
Sale of publications and cards	8,169	-	8,169	4,658
	12,216	3,912	16,128	8,062

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£
Bank interest and dividends	13,953	13,953	11,325
Income from investment properties	30,000	30,000	30,000
	43,953	43,953	41,325

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Event expenses		2,977	2,977	11,683
Christmas lights		6,508	6,508	2,084
Christmas cards		1,466	1,466	1,518
Rent and service charge		11,550	11,550	10,964
Books		3,144	3,144	3,879
Newsletter and annual report		2,935	2,935	3,140
Contribution to Station car park campaign		11,808	11,808	-
Staff costs	9	27,036	27,036	26,248
Support costs	7	13,459	13,459	12,074
		80,883	80,883	71,590

The Society's net contribution to the station car park campaign was £7,168 being £11,808 shown above less a donation of £4,640 from a residents' group crowdfunder appeal (see note 3).

7 Analysis of support costs

Support costs

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Insurance	1,176	1,129
Office expenses	1,710	225
Donations	-	906
Travel and subsistence	529	-
Bank charges	102	89
Other charges	177	125
Repairs and renewals	139	-
Computer software and maintenance	3,903	3,101
Printing, postage and telephone	165	552
Sundries	-	887
AGM costs	285	549
Independent examination	2,712	2,436
Bookkeeping	2,235	2,075
Depreciation of office equipment	326	-
	13,459	12,074

8 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	22,179	21,508
Pension costs	4,857	4,740
	27,036	26,248

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Related party transactions

During the year the charity made the following related party transactions:

Paul Watts and Andrew Westbrook
Trustees Paul Watts and Andrew Westbrook are, from 18 December 2024, directors and shareholders in The Bookshop on the Heath Limited, a company that The Blackheath Society occasionally sells cards and publications through on normal commercial terms. At the balance sheet date the amount due was £Nil (2024 - £550).

12 Fixed asset investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Investment properties	410,000	410,000
Other investments	244,813	208,656
	654,813	618,656

Investment properties

	Investment properties £
Cost or Valuation	
At 1 January 2025	410,000
At 31 December 2025	410,000
Provision	
At 31 December 2025	-
Net book value	
At 31 December 2025	410,000
At 31 December 2024	410,000

The freehold property, Tranquil Hall, was bequeathed to the Society in 1975 and is held as investment property. The original value of the property on acquisition was £12,500. The property was revalued by Baxter Philips on 31 December 2022 at £410,000 as market value, and agreed on as a suitable valuation at 31 December 2025 by the trustees.

Other investments

	Unlisted investments £	Total £
Cost or Valuation		
At 1 January 2025	208,656	208,656
Revaluation	36,157	36,157
At 31 December 2025	244,813	244,813
Net book value		
At 31 December 2025	244,813	244,813
At 31 December 2024	208,656	208,656

Other investments at 31 December 2025 comprise 14,171 units of M&G Investments Charifund units.

13 Tangible fixed assets

	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2025	2,067	2,067
Additions	1,305	1,305
At 31 December 2025	3,372	3,372
Depreciation		
At 1 January 2025	2,067	2,067
Transfer from predecessor trust	326	326
At 31 December 2025	2,393	2,393
Net book value		
At 31 December 2025	979	979
At 31 December 2024	-	-

14 Stock

	2025 £	2024 £
Stocks	5,226	3,242

15 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	14,401	11,590

16 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025	2024
	£	£
Cash on hand	10	10
Cash at bank	44,255	42,532
	44,265	42,542

17 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	30,001	31,806
Accruals	12,294	2,592
Deferred income	7,666	9,460
	49,961	43,858

18 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deferred income	330	496

19 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2025 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds	614,066	78,531	(80,883)	(1,884)	36,157	645,987
Restricted funds						
OnBlackheath	16,529	3,912	-	1,884	-	22,325
Talbot Place	1,081	-	-	-	-	1,081
	17,610	3,912	-	1,884	-	23,406
Total funds	631,676	82,443	(80,883)	-	36,157	669,393

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	602,060	69,435	(61,979)	-	4,550	614,066
Restricted funds						
OnBlackheath	24,840	-	(8,311)	-	-	16,529
Christmas lights	300	1,000	(1,300)	-	-	-
Talbot Place	1,081	-	-	-	-	1,081
	26,221	1,000	(9,611)	-	-	17,610
Total funds	628,281	70,435	(71,590)	-	4,550	631,676

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

OnBlackheath - these amounts represent monies received from the OnBlackheath and other music festivals to be used on communtiy projects on the heath that have been proposed by the Blackheath Joint Working Party.

The net transfer of £1,884 in 2025 is represented by a £2,000 contribution from the Society for Talbot Place play space equipment and a reimbursement of £116 for the gardening project.

Christmas Lights - to arrange 'Blackheath Xmas Lights' for the village.

Talbot Place - to be used for the Talbot Place play area.

20 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	979	-	979
Fixed asset investments	654,813	-	654,813
Current assets	40,486	23,406	63,892
Current liabilities	(49,961)	-	(49,961)
Creditors over 1 year	(330)	-	(330)
Total net assets	645,987	23,406	669,393

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2024 £
Fixed asset investments	618,656	-	618,656
Current assets	39,764	17,610	57,374
Current liabilities	(43,858)	-	(43,858)
Creditors over 1 year	(496)	-	(496)
Total net assets	614,066	17,610	631,676