THE BYRON SOCIETY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1197293

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TRUST INFORMATION

Trustees:	Lord Byron Mr Bernard Beatty Mr Kenneth Robbie Mrs Gillian Woodcock Dr Emily Paterson-Morgan Professor Sir Roderick Beaton Dr Karen Caines Mr Richard Deakin Dr Christine Kenyon-Jones Dr David Woodhouse
Principal Address:	66 Park Hill London SW4 9PB
UK Charity Status:	Registration No 1197293
Bankers:	Metro Bank One Southampton Row London WC1B 5HA Lloyds Bank 25 Gresham Street London EC2V 7HN
Independent Examiner:	Abraham & Dobell 230 Shirley Road Southampton SO15 3HR

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The Trustees present their report and unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document/Organisational Structure

The Byron Society is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('CIO') which was registered with The Charity Commission on 23 December 2021 (charity number 1197293).

Pursuant to an agreement dated 31 December 2022, the Trustees of The Byron Society, charity number 265458, (the Old Society) transferred the whole undertaking of the Old Society as a going concern, with all assets and liabilities, including, without limitation, book debts, cash, contracts, gifts, goodwill, intellectual property rights, rights of action and records to the CIO.

The CIO therefore conducted the activities of the Charity from 1 January 2023, as was reflected in its first full Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

During the year ended 31 December 2025, the officers of the Charity were:

Lord Byron	President and Deputy Chair
Mr Bernard Beatty	Vice President
Mr Kenneth Robbie	Chair
Mrs Gillian Woodcock	Treasurer
Dr Emily Paterson-Morgan	Secretary

The other Trustees of the Charity during the year were:

Prof Sir Roderick Beaton
Dr Karen Caines
Mr Richard Deakin
Dr Christine Kenyon-Jones
Dr David Woodhouse

Risk Management

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

Trustee Recruitment and Appointment

Trustees seek to ensure that the needs of the Charity are adequately represented through the diversity of the trustee body. Trustees are appointed by agreement, following application and interview.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and Aims

The Byron Society aims to support education and research into the life and work of the poet Lord Byron.

Achievements and Performances

The Byron Society enjoyed an active programme in 2025 with both in person and online events, supporting its aim of educating the public and promoting research into the life and work of the poet Lord Byron. The programme included an in person event at Edinburgh University in conjunction with the Edinburgh Walter Scott Club. The Byron Society annual conference was successfully held at Newstead Abbey, Lord Byron's ancestral home, in April 2025. Two editions of *The Byron Journal* were published by Liverpool University Press on behalf of the Society. This publication is the leading international forum for authorities on Byron and contains scholarly articles and notes on all aspects of Byron's writings and life, and on related topics. Several applications were received and awarded for the Charity's bursary scheme which is open to any Ph.D student accepted at a UK university for doctoral study materially concerned with the works of Lord Byron.

The project to relocate the Byron Memorial Statue from a traffic island in Park Lane, London to a high profile location near Hyde Park's Victoria Gate is continuing with all funding in place and contractors chosen via a tendering process. This is a substantial effort for the Society and plans have changed throughout the year but are now confirmed which is a major achievement.

Public Benefit

The objects of the Charity are the promotion of education and research into the life and works of Lord Byron. 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 aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting the policy for the year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Charity generated a surplus in the sum of £83,125 (2024 - £56,104).

Receipts totalled £196,804 (2024 - £126,041). The expenses were £113,679 (2024 - £69,937). The total Funds as at December 2025 amounted to £171,033 (2024 - £87,908).

The Charity wishes to express its gratitude to the Elma Dangerfield Trust for providing financial support during the year.

Reserves Policy and Going Concern

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the Charity, at a level sufficient to cover their immediate future plans. The Trustees are of a view that the Charity is a going concern.

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FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

2026 will be an exciting year for The Byron Society as the project to move the statue of Lord Byron to its new location in Hyde Park comes to fruition. The move will take place in the first half of the year and is the culmination of a major effort involving numerous different organisations. The society is grateful to all those who have contributed to the funding of this important project. A formal unveiling is being planned for later in 2026 together with an engagement programme including a new website, educational materials, a walking tour and a short film.

A programme of in person and online events is planned for 2026 including the annual Scottish lecture to be held at the National Library of Scotland.

The Byron Society continues to produce two editions of the *The Byron Journal* each year and to support research through a PhD bursary and travel bursaries for early career researchers. In addition, there are two major events in the UK in July 2026 which the Byron Society has committed to supporting. Firstly the International Association of Byron Societies will hold their annual conference at Keele University and secondly the British Association of Romantic Studies (BARS) will host their annual event in Birmingham. The Byron Society hopes to have a special panel at each event and sponsor a drinks reception.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare Financial Statements for each financial period, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that period. In preparing those Financial Statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 on that basis.

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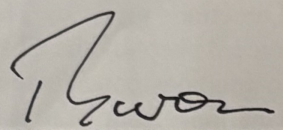
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES (CONTINUED)

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They 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.

ACCOUNTANTS

A resolution to re-appoint Abraham & Dobell as Independent Examiners will be proposed at the forthcoming meeting.

Approved by the order of the Board of Trustees on 8 September 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



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LORD BYRON
TRUSTEE

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BYRON SOCIETY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

I report on the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which we are set out on pages 8 to 16.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the Charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts and you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) does not apply and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts (under section 145(1) of the 2011 Act);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by The Charity Commission (under section 145(5)b of the 2011 Act) and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF EXAMINER'S REPORT

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

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

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

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

   have not been met; or

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER
(CONTINUED)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

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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DAVID J MANT FCA
INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND & WALES

230 Shirley Road
Southampton
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8 September 2026

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
INCOME					
Donations and legacies	2	23,933	165,866	189,799	110,646
Charitable activities	3	5,439	-	5,439	15,151
Investments	4	223	1,343	1,566	244
TOTAL INCOME		29,595	167,209	196,804	126,041
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities	5	25,698	87,981	113,679	69,937
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		25,698	87,981	113,679	69,937
NET INCOME / NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		3,897	79,228	83,125	56,104
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		30,084	57,824	87,908	31,804
Total funds carried forward		£33,981	£137,052	£171,033	£87,908

The notes on pages 10 to 16 form part of these Financial Statements.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2025 £	2024 £	2024 £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand	9	188,861		89,588	
		188,861		89,588	
LIABILITIES					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	17,828		1,680	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			171,033		87,908
TOTAL NET ASSETS	11		£171,033		£87,908
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:	12				
Unrestricted funds			33,981		30,084
Restricted income funds			137,052		57,824
			£171,033		£87,908

Approved by the trustees on 8 September 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

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LORD BYRON
TRUSTEE

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies are summarised below and have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding period.

(a) **Basis of Accounting**
The Financial Statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the notes to these Financial Statements. The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their Accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland FRS 102 issued on 18 July 2014 and the Charities Act 2011.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value.

The Financial Statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts are rounded to the nearest £.

The Charity constitutes a public entity benefit and defined by FRS 102.

(b) **Preparation of the Accounts on a Going Concern Basis**
The trustees have prepared the Financial Statements on a going concern basis.

(c) **Income**
This represents subscriptions and donations receivable together with royalties and income from various functions/activities.

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific polices are applied to particular categories of income:

- **Subscriptions**
  These represent subscriptions received during the year and subscription fees held in the Charity's Paypal account, some of which relate to earlier years.

- **Investment Income**
  This is included in the Financial Statements when receivable.

- **Grants and Donations**
  Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the Charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

(d) **Expenditure**
Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Support costs comprise those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services to its members.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity.

(e) **Debtors**
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

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

(g) **Creditors and Provisions**
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount.

(h) **Donated Services**
Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the Charity where this can be quantified.

(i) **Fund Accounting**
Unrestricted funds are general funds available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity.

Restricted funds are subject to specific restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

The purpose and use of restricted funds are set out in the notes to the Financial Statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Donations and grants	20,000	165,866	185,866	104,556
Members' subscriptions	3,933	-	3,933	6,090
Total	£23,933	£165,866	£189,799	£110,646

In 2024 the donations and legacies received were £110,646, of which £26,090 were unrestricted and £84,556 were restricted. There were no donated services and facilities receivable which could be quantified in the year (2024 - £nil).

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Functions	2,567	-	2,567	10,878
Byron journal	2,038	-	2,038	4,273
Sundry income	834	-	834	-
	£5,439	£-	£5,439	£15,151

In 2024 the charitable activities income of £15,151 was unrestricted.

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Bank interest	£223	£1,343	£1,566	£244

In 2024 the investment income of £244 was unrestricted.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
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5. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Running Costs £	Byron Statue £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Management fees	5,000	-	5,000	6,320
Statue expenses	-	87,847	87,847	27,838
Functions and meeting expenses	7,161	-	7,161	23,399
Byron Journal production	5,550	-	5,550	2,475
Donations, bursaries and awards	5,300	-	5,300	6,353
Support costs	827	134	961	1,872
Governance costs	1,860	-	1,860	1,680
Total	£25,698	£87,981	£113,679	£69,937

Of the expenditure on charitable activities in 2025 of £113,679 (2024 - £69,937), £25,698 were unrestricted funds (2024 - £42,099) and £87,981 were restricted funds (2024 - £27,838).

6. ANALYSIS OF GOVERNANCE AND SUPPORT COSTS

The Charity identifies the costs of its support functions. It then identifies those costs which relate to the governance function. Having identified its governance costs, the remaining support costs together with the governance costs are apportioned between the two key charitable activities undertaken (see note 5) in the year. Refer to the table below for the basis for apportionment and the analysis of support and governance costs.

	General Support £	Governance Function £	Total £	Basis of Apportionment
Paypal charges and fees	70	-	70	Transactions
Website, IT and software	742	-	742	Usage
Independent Examiner's costs	-	1,860	1,860	Governance
Bank charges	149	-	149	Transactions
	£961	£1,860	£2,821	

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7. ANALYSIS OF MANAGEMENT COSTS, MANAGEMENT NUMBERS, TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES AND THE COST OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

Management Costs
Management costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Management fees	£5,000	£6,320

Management Numbers
The average number of management personnel during the year was 1 (2024 - 1).

Trustee's remuneration and related party transactions
No trustees received any remuneration or benefits during the year ended 31 December 2025 (2024 - £nil).

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2025 (2024 - £nil).

The Trustees have not been in receipt of any remuneration nor reimbursement of expenses.

8. TAXATION

The CIO, as a registered Charity, is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within s.524 of the Income Tax Act 2007 or s.256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax provision is therefore required.

9. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2025 £	2024 £
The Byron Society	172,893	89,588
International Association of Byron Societies	15,968	-
	£188,861	£89,588

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10. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
International Association of Byron Societies	15,968	-
Accruals	1,860	1,680
	£17,828	£1,680

11. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	General Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total Funds £	2024 Total Funds £
Current assets	51,809	137,052	188,861	89,588
Current liabilities	(17,828)	-	(17,828)	(1,680)
Net Assets at 31 December 2025	£33,981	£137,052	£171,033	£87,908

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12. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

	At 01.01.25 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	At 31.12.25 £
Analysis of Movements in Unrestricted Funds				
General Fund	30,084	29,595	25,698	33,981
Total Unrestricted Funds	30,084	29,595	25,698	33,981
Analysis of Movements in Restricted Funds				
Byron Statue Fund	57,824	167,209	87,981	137,052
Total Restricted Funds	57,824	167,209	87,981	137,052
Total Funds	£87,908	£196,804	£113,679	£171,033

Unrestricted Funds
General Funds
These are funds which the Charity is free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Restricted Funds
These are funds which the Charity can only spend on a purpose determined by the terms on which the fund is received. This restricted fund is a fund for the relocation of the statue of the poet Lord Byron.

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DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

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Management fees	5,000	-	5,000	6,320
Statue expenses	-	87,847	87,847	27,838
Postage and stationery	-	-	-	467
Paypal charges and fees	70	-	70	105
Website, IT and software	742	-	742	985
Professional fees	-	-	-	300
Independent Examiner's costs	1,860	-	1,860	1,680
Bank charges	15	134	149	15
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	25,698	87,981	113,679	£69,937
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	£3,897	£79,228	£83,125	£56,104