SOCIETY OF BOOKBINDERS

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2025

Charity Registration Number: 1204089

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Report Of The Trustees For The Year Ended 31st December 2025

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Society's Articles of Constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting Charities', effective January 2015.

Reference and Administrative Details

The Society was established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on the 25th July 2023 (Charity number 1204089) The activites of the Charity were previously undertaken by The Society of Bookbinders a charitable trust (Charity nmber 1032108). On the 1st May 2024 all assets and liabilities of the Charitable Trust were transferred to the new CIO.

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Sally Dore - Chair
Dr Christopher McNall - Trasurer
Mary Asiedu (Resigned 3rd November 2025)
Deanna Fischer
Ivan A Salcedo
Joanna Sergent (Appointed 3rd November 2025)
Stephen William Scott Stokes (Appointed 3rd November 2025)

Principal address	C/o Dr C McNall St John Street Chambers, 18-20 St John Street, Manchester, M3 4EA
Independent examiner	Brian Hughes FCA A Hughes Jones Dyson & Co, Chartered Accountants Capel Moreia, South Penrallt, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 1NS

Structure, governance and management

The Society is overseen by the Board of Trustees, aided by a National Management Committee; the latter is composed of the chairs of the Society's seven regional committees and other named officers such as the Membership Secretary and newsletter editor.

The Trustees and the NMC each meet regularly.

Trustees retire at regular intervals and may stand for re-election; new trustees may be co-opted, and then subsequently stand for election at the AGM. At regional level there are local committees who arrange a varied programme of events.

The Society maintains informal contact at varying levels with similar organisations such as Designer Bookbinders (with whom we jointly run a popular and highly successful series of workshops), the Antiquarian Booksellers Association and the American Guild of Bookworkers.

The Trustees routinely assess and review both the Society's financial standing and our need for insurance cover. Other matters of good governance, such as financial reserves and appropriate banking practices, are discussed by the Trustees and re-considered when necessary.

Objectives and activities for the public benefit

Society of Bookbinders (charity number 1204089) is governed by its Constitution dated 25th July 2023.
The Society was formed to advance education and encourage high standards for the public benefit in all aspects of bookbinding. These still remain the main objectives of the Society.

The Society continues to be run exclusively by the efforts of our many volunteers and the Trustees use this opportunity to pass on their thanks to all those who give their time and take part in our many and diverse activities. Without you we would not exist.

Achievements and performance

The Society is dedicated to preserving the craft of both traditional and contemporary bookbinding and the preservation and conservation of the printed and written word.

The Society maintains a publicly-accessible website (societyofbookbinders.com), with publicly-accessible resources, including funding opportunities, finding bookbinding tutors and courses.

Through its seven regions, the Society organises and holds visits, demonstrations and workshops of interest to bookbinders and members of the public. The Society has held regular online workshops in conjunction with Designer Bookbinders.

The Society had a successful year (the 50th since the establishment of the Society of Bookbinders), in which regional activities continued to engage members and others, and the hard work put in by regional committees and other volunteers is very much appreciated. Bookbinder, edited by Arthur Green, was a great showcase for the variety of work undertaken by members, as were the webinars organised by Kathy Abbott and Phillippa Rader and the joint DB / SoB workshops.

here were challenges in maintaining some of the Society's activities due to a lack of the volunteers who have traditionally filled various roles. Some adaptation has been necessary, such as employing a book keeper.

One of the key developments over the year was the White Fuse system becoming well bedded in for our website, membership and communications functions. This has been extremely positive for the workload of membership and subscriptions. But for reliability, the system does need Members making sure their address and contact details are up to date on their accounts to ensure they receive notices and publications.

The winding up of the previous charity was concluded, and we have completed our first financial year under our new status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. After moving our funds from the old to the new charity, and paying any expenses, the Society is financially sound, enabling us to spend on our objective which is to "advance education in the craft of bookbinding for the public benefit".
The Society's NMC considered effective ways to take forward our objectives in educational matters, one result of which was the Grants Policy, now in operation.
In addition,work continues on reviewing our policies. The Code of Conduct was revised following input from members and the NMC, and approval by Trustees. It applies to all members of the Society.

Financial review

The Trustees are of the opinion that current reserves are adequate to meet the charity's objectives
The balance held as unrestricted funds on the 31st December 2025 was £185,056 (2024 £173,848)

On behalf of the board of Trustees

C McNall

Dated 10·8·26

I report to the trustees on my examination the accounts of the Society of Bookbinders for the year ended 31st December 2025, which are set out on pages 4 - 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the trust 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 Trust'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.

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:

(i) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
(ii) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
(iii) the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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.

B Hughes

Mr Brian Hughes, Chartered Accountant
for and on behalf of A. Hughes-Jones, Dyson & Co.
Statutory Auditors & Chartered Accountants
Capel Moreia, South Penrallt, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 1NS

Dated

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	**Total Funds**	**Total Funds**
				2025	2024
		£	**£**	**£**	£
Income					
Donations and legacies	**2**	**15,291**	**-**	**15,291**	1,391
Investment income	**3**	**1,836**	**168**	**2,004**	1,670
Income from charitable activities	**4**	**79,398**	**-**	**79,398**	95,835
Total income		**96,525**	**168**	**96,693**	98,896
Expenditure					
Charitable activities					
Promotion of bookbinding	**5**	**85,317**	**-**	**85,317**	107,937
Total Expenditure		**85,317**	**-**	**85,317**	107,937
Net Income		**11,208**	**168**	**11,376**	(9,041)
Transfers between funds		**-**	**-**	**-**	-
Funds transferred from the Charitable Trust 1st May 2024					193,746
Balances brought forward		**173,848**	**10,857**	**184,705**	-
Fund balances at 31st December 2025		**185,056**	**11,025**	**196,081**	184,705

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2025

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Assets			-		-
Current Assets					
Debtors		**160**		-	
Cash at Bank and In Hand		**205,331**		193,475	
		205,491		193,475	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**10**	**9,410**		8,770	
Net Current Assets			**196,081**		184,705
Total assets less current liabilities			**196,081**		184,705
Income funds					
Restricted funds	**11**		**11,025**		10,857
Unrestricted funds			**185,056**		173,848
			196,081		184,705

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 10 Aug 2026 and signed on their behalf by

C McNall

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Notes To The Accounts For The Year Ended 31st December 2025

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 *Basis of preparation*

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the Uk and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 *Income*

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Affairs when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Investment income and gains are allocated to the appropriate funds

1.3 *Expenditure*

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs 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 the resources.

1.4 *Tangible fixed assets and depreciation*

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings and equipment	25% reducing balance

1.5 *Stock*

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.6 *Accumulated funds*

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2025 £**	Total 2024 £
Donations and gifts	**15,291**	**-**	**15,291**	1,391

3 Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2025 £**	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable	**1,836**	**168**	**2,004**	1,670

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4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2025 £**	Total 2024 £
Subscriptions	36,794	-	**36,794**	21,700
Adverts	4,719	-	**4,719**	677
Bookbinding sales	363	-	**363**	-
Competition	-	-	**-**	6,478
Regions activities	37,522	-	**37,522**	22,057
Conference income	-	-	**-**	41,054
Outreach & Education	-	-	**-**	3,869
	79,398	**-**	**79,398**	95,835

5 Expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2025 £**	Total 2024 £
Charitable activities				
Promotion of bookbinding				
Activities undertaken directly	71,027	-	**71,027**	99,309
Support costs	14,290	-	**14,290**	8,628
Total	85,317	-	**85,317**	107,937

6 Activities undertaken directly

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2025 £**	Total 2024 £
Other costs relating to Promotion of bookbinding comprise:				
Bookbinder	14,030	-	**14,030**	14
Website development	-	-	**-**	462
Conference costs	-	-	**-**	62,105
Outreach & Education Costs	850	-	**850**	4,909
Competition Costs	485	-	**485**	7,117
Regional costs	48,772	-	**48,772**	22,014
Maureen Duke Award	6,700	-	**6,700**	-
General Bursary	190	-	**190**	2,688
	-	-	**-**	-
	71,027	-	**71,027**	99,309

7 Support costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total 2025 £**	Total 2024 £
Administration costs and trustees expenses	5,939	-	**5,939**	4,735
Legal Fees	-	-	**-**	2,333
Honoraria	3,250	-	**3,250**	-
Professional Fees	3,541	-	**3,541**	-
Independent Examination	1,560	-	**1,560**	1,560
	14,290	-	**14,290**	8,628

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8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the period.

9 Employees

There were no employees during the year.

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	**1,560**	2,520
Deferred income	**7,850**	6,250
	9,410	8,770

11 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

		Movement in funds			
	Balance 1.1.2025	**Incoming resources**	**Resources expensed**	**Transfers**	**Balance at 31st December 2025**
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
Gordon Hartley Memorial Fund	10,857	168	-	-	**11,025**
	10,857	168	-	-	**11,025**

The Gordon Hartley Memorial Fund was established to honour the memory of Gordon Hartley, who died in office as Chairman in November 2007. The intention is that the interest would permit the funding of a Bursary every two years for one person to attend the Society's Conference as a resident.

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12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31st December 2025 are represented by:				
Tangible fixed assets	-	-		-
Current assets	194,466	11,025	**205,491**	193,475
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(9,410)	-	**(9,410)**	(8,770)
	185,056	11,025	**196,081**	184,705

13 Funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
General funds		
Central Charity	**80,173**	75,909
Scotland	**3,173**	3,066
London and South	**11,037**	4,122
Midlands	**9,884**	12,773
Western	**13,896**	13,130
East Anglia	**8,361**	8,526
North East	**5,600**	4,609
North West and North Wales	**8,743**	7,644
	140,867	129,779
Designated Funds		
Outreach and Education	**32,497**	32,555
Bernard Middleton Fund	**10,906**	10,740
Aiden Portnall Fund	**786**	774
Total unrestricted funds	**185,056**	173,848
Restricted funds		
Gordon Hartley Memorial Fund	**11,025**	10,857
	11,025	10,857
Total funds	**196,081**	184,705