THE ST. JOHN'S WOOD SOCIETY

Charity Registration No: 232270

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For year ended

31 MARCH 2026

TRUSTEES AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

TRUSTEES

President	Jane Leaver
Chair	Linda Taggart
Vice-Chair	Virginia Newman
Treasurer	Laurence Lecacheur
Secretary	Jane Treharne Jones
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Planning and Licensing Chair	Christine Cowdray
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CHARITY NUMBER

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2026

The Trustees are pleased to present their Report and Financial Statements of the Society for the year ended 31 March 2026 for The St John's Wood Society, (the Society), charity number 232270. This represents the final reporting period for the unincorporated charity.

At a Special General Meeting held on 17 March 2026, the members of The St John's Wood Society approved the following resolutions:

- Adoption of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status, to operate under the new Charity registration number 1215876.
- Approval of a new constitution governing the CIO.
- Transfer of all assets and liabilities from the existing unincorporated charity (charity number 232270) to the new established CIO ((charity number 1215876).

The transfer of the Society's operations, assets, and liabilities takes effect from 1 April 2026.

ORGANISATION STRUCTURE

The Society is an unincorporated charity governed by a constitution adopted in 1963 with the latest amendment made in 2011.

The Trustees (who comprise the Executive Committee of the Society) meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the Society. They have a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the Society.

OBJECTIVES - ACTIVITIES

The main object of the Society, as set out in its constitution, are as follows:

a. To encourage high standards of architecture and town planning in St. John's Wood.
b. To stimulate public interest in and care for the beauty, history and character of St. John's Wood.
c. To encourage the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historical interest in St. John's Wood and improve its social and cultural wellbeing.
d. To oppose by any means available to the Society any development in any part of St. John's Wood which in the view of the Society would detract from the beauty, history and character of that part or from its features of general public amenity or its historical interest.

The Society strives to foster a close working relationship with Westminster City Council, local stakeholders and businesses, and other amenity groups.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

During the year, the Trustees successfully completed the charity's transition from an unincorporated association to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). This work was undertaken to strengthen the charity's governance arrangements and ensure that its legal structure remains appropriate for its activities and continues to meet the regulatory requirements of the Charity Commission and relevant government legislation.

The St John's Wood Society continued to promote high standards of architecture and conserve the special character of St John's Wood for the enjoyment of residents, workers and visitors. The Society was consulted by Westminster City Council (WCC) on all full planning applications, appeals, traffic management orders, including cycleways, tree protection orders and neighbourhood community infrastructure levy bids (NCIL) relating to the St John's Wood area. We responded to approximately 300 consultations during the year as well as to planning, licensing and enforcement queries from residents, developers and businesses. Regular engagement took place with major local landlords and key stakeholders, including Lord's Cricket Ground, Abbey Road Studios, St John's Wood Square and St John's Wood High Street. Under WCC's Early Community Engagement policy, we met with owners and developers of significant sites at pre application stage. WCC consulted us on changes to planning and licensing policy and we responded where relevant. We arranged a tour of the area for WCC planning, enforcement and tree officers to highlight specific local issues. We worked closely with residents, our ward councillors, council officers and our City Inspector throughout the year to resolve local highways, licensing enforcement, noise, e-bike and waste control issues . Our invaluable Air-quality monitoring work continued to be supported through WCC funding, and we also contributed to WCC's round-table policy discussions on environment, air quality and sustainability. Trustees represented the Society at meetings with Rachel Blake MP, Regent's Park and Abbey Road Ward Police panels, Westminster Amenity Society Forum, Westminster Citizens Advice licensing steering committee, WCC's NCIL Working Group, and Westminster's Forum of Forums .

Active social-media engagement and increased local visibility contributed to the registration of 128 new members since January 2025. Individual memberships stood at 879 at the year-end. Communication with members and local stakeholders was maintained through our highly sought-after biannual local interest magazine, the costs of which are covered by advertising revenue. An active social-media presence on Instagram @stjohnswoodsoc resulted in an increase from 11,300 to 11,500 followers by actively promoting the beauty of St John's Wood and supporting local businesses.

Particular care was taken to ensure communications reached all members, including those with special needs and those who are digitally excluded. Events for members were held to stimulate interest in the beauty, history and character of St John's Wood. These highly successful events included visits to London Zoo, wine tasting, an informative tree tour, and a very well attended summer drinks . The Society's members discount scheme continues to promote local traders and successfully encourages members to "shop local". The Society played a key role in raising funds for the High Street's Christmas Lights and also in the planning, promoting and safe delivery of the annual Christmas Lights event which was attended by the Lord Mayor of Westminster and attracted over 800 residents to the High Street.

CHANGES IN YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2026

Accounting methods

The 2026 accounts have been prepared on an accruals basis, in accordance with the Charity SORP (FRS 102).

Independent examination

- During the year, Nicholas Lawrence, ACA, was appointed as the Independent Examiner of The St John's Wood Society, commencing with the examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026.
- The Trustees express their sincere thanks to David Goodard, who served as Independent Examiner until 2025, for his many years of dedicated support to the Society.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Society recorded income of £10,570 for the year, alongside an unrealised gain of £9,831 from the Equity Charity Fund, bringing total net income to £20,401 (2025: £9,306). Membership fees contributed £14,082, including £1,690 from Gift Aid, and investment income totalled £4,106.

Membership administration costs were £2,449, covering Wild Apricot and Stripe fees. Events and magazine activities were largely self-funded, with significantly lower activity than in 2025 due to the absence of the High Street Festival. Consultancy costs of £600 related to the final instalment of advice on the Society's transition to CIO status. Other administrative costs remained stable.

Unrestricted funds at year-end stood at £148,998. The Executive Committee maintains a prudent reserves policy, holding sufficient funds to cover at least two years of core administrative expenditure and to meet unforeseen costs. Grant applications are assessed individually by the Committee.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.

The trustees are responsible for keeping 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 Charity act 2011.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence take reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The Charity has approved Nicholas Lawrence ACA to be its independent examiner.

Approved by the trustees committee on . 08/09/2026



L Taggart – Chair



L Lecacheur - Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ST. JOHN'S WOOD SOCIETY

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2026, which are set out on pages 7 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts: you consider that the audit requirement of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2014 (the Act) does not apply and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act;

have not been met; or

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



14/09/2026
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR YEAR FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	31.12.2026 *Unrestricted funds*	31.12.2025 *Unrestricted funds*
INCOME	**1.c**		
Income from charitable activities			
Membership		14,081	12,943
Events		1,340	7,176
Advertising in magazine		13,900	13,225
Investment Income - Interest		4,106	3,502
Miscellaneous Income		588	451
TOTAL INCOME		**34,015**	**37,297**
EXPENDITURE	**1.d**		
Charitable activities			
Membership administration costs		2,449	2,351
Events		1,483	7,283
Magazine Production		14,677	14,457
Consulting		600	1,335
Insurance		1,491	1,491
Management and administration			
Accounting Software subscription		511	454
Independent examiner fees		850	690
Other		501	616
Other Support Expenditure			
Website & email host		883	771
Other		-	758
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		**23,445**	**30,206**
INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) BEFORE UNREALISED GAIN / LOSS		**10,570**	**7,091**
Unrealised Gain / (loss) on investment	5	9,831	2,215
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) AFTER UNREALISED GAIN / LOSS ON CHARITY FUNDS		**20,401**	**9,306**

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

	Note	31.12.2026 *Unrestricted funds*	31.12.2025 *Unrestricted funds*
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	4. a	63,897	54,066
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		**63,897**	**54,066**
CURRENT ASSETS			
Bank accounts	4. b	83,337	74,898
Accrued income and prepayments	4. c	10,440	9,334
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		**93,777**	**84.232**
LIABILITIES			
Creditors falling due within one year			
Accounts payable		-	(600)
Accruals	4. c	(8,676)	(9,101)
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**(8,676)**	**(9,701)**
NET ASSETS		**148,998**	**128,597**
RESERVES & CURRENT YEAR RESULT			
Unrestricted funds carried forward	4. d	(128,597)	(119,291)
Current year result		(20,401)	(9,306)
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS		**(148,998)**	**(128,597)**

Approved by the Executive Committee on 08/09/2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Laurence Lecacheur
Hon. Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee
The attached notes form part of the financial statements.

NOTE TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD ENDING 31 MARCH 2026

1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a. Accounting methods

The financial statements of the Charity have been prepared in accordance with the charity SORP (FRS 102) '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 (FS 102), effective January 2021'.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. Revenue and costs are recognised in the period to which they relate (accrual as opposed to cash basis).

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

b. Going concern

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

c. Income

Income is included in the SOFA when the Society is entitled to the income, the receipt is probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. If these conditions are not met then the income is deferred.

The following specific policies apply to categories of income:

Membership income

Membership income is treated as a donation and is accounted for when received.

Event Income

Income from events is recognised when the event has taken place.

Magazine advertising revenue

Income from advertising is recognised upon the publication of the magazine that the advertising has been placed in.

Interest income

Interest income is recognised upon receipt.

d. Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category based on their nature.

e. Investments

Investments are included in the balance sheet at market value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses are presented in the unrestricted funds.

f. Funds

The unrestricted accumulated fund is available for use in accordance with the aims of the Society.

2. TAXATION

As a charity, the society is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

3. INVESTMENTS

M&G charity funds
This investment is held to enable the Society to fund its activities as and when needed. It is quoted on the London stock exchange.

	2026	2025
	£	£
Number of units	3,561	3,561
Unit price	17.9438	15.1830
Market value at 1st April	54,066	51,850
Add: Unrealised gain / (loss) for the year	9,831	2,215
Market value at 31st March	**63,897**	**54,066**
Historical value at cost	27,024	27,024

a. Revenue and Expense accruals

Revenue accruals represent advertising in the March 2026 magazine and gift aid.
Expense accruals represent March 2026 magazine production & distribution costs and Examiners' fees.

b. Retained earnings

	2025/6 £	2024/5 £
Retained earnings opening balance	119,291	116,288
Result for the year	9,306	3,002
Retained earnings closing balance	128,597	119,290

4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES

No trustee received remuneration or benefits from the charity.