



Society of Genealogists

Annual Report & Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2016



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A Message from the Chairman

2016 has been an outstanding year for the Society of Genealogists, with many extremely positive developments. Most importantly, I'm delighted to report that, through the hard work and commitment of our CEO June Perrin and her staff, the deficit has been cleared and the finances have reached a break-even position, thus providing a much more stable base for the Society's future development and longevity. In addition, the conditional contract to lease the air space above the library has been signed, and we are currently awaiting the planning permission. A working party has been established ready to engage in the process.

There has been much progress at the Society this year, with many exciting and valuable initiatives ready to launch later in 2017. Having set our two main objectives of providing online education and online data, work has started to deliver even more opportunities to all our members, whatever stage they are at in their family history research, and wherever they live. A series of webinars has been commissioned to complement our very successful in-house programme of lectures and courses. This will be available shortly through the SoG website. In collaboration with Pharos, we launched a brand new advanced course in the autumn, which is proving very popular.

We are always keen to engage with our members, and this year has seen a significant improvement in communication, with the online surveys, which have provided invaluable feedback, as well as the regular publication of our excellent newsletter. For those who enjoy *Genealogists' Magazine*, we are thrilled to provide all volumes from 1925 on DVD, which are available for purchase through the SoG website.

Following the clearing of the Winter Palace, work to improve the library is continuing and there will be a major refurbishment of the ground floor throughout 2017. New data is being added constantly to the website, and we will be increasing the speed and volume of digitisation, as the website developments take place. In April, we enjoyed another very successful *Who Do You Think You Are?* Live event in Birmingham and it was good to meet new family historians, as well as catch up with our colleagues in the wider genealogical environment.

Finally, in order to improve our governance further, we have combined the Education and Library Committees to form one joint Business Committee, consisting of staff members, trustees and representatives from the membership. This will enable us to work much more closely together to support the SoG's ongoing work, and to develop more effective strategies for its future.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our staff, volunteers and members. On behalf of the trustees, I would like to thank you all for your invaluable support and ongoing loyalty to the Society of Genealogists, which is very much appreciated. So much has been achieved and we have many exciting opportunities to come, as we work together to ensure that the Society fulfils a dynamic and leading role in family history research and education, and continues to support all family historians on their journey to discover their past.

Angela Buckley

Chairman

Society of Genealogists

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Governance

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A Chief Executive Officer is appointed by the Trustees to manage the day-to-day activities of the charity.

Reference and administrative details and advisors of the group.

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Constitution & Organisation

Constitution

The Society of Genealogists is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. Charity number 233701. Company number 115703.

The Board of Trustees

For the purposes of charity law, a Board of Trustees are directors of and administer the charitable company. The Board consists of up to 10 members who receive no emoluments for their service. As set out in the Articles of Association, the trustees are elected by the charity's members, serving for a term of three years and for a maximum of two successive terms. These trustees have the power to appoint an honorary treasurer and an honorary solicitor, who *ex-officio* serve as members of the Board. No honorary solicitor has been appointed for many years. The trustees also have the power to elect any eligible member of the Society to the Board to fill any casual vacancy arising between one Annual General Meeting and the next; any person so elected shall retire at the AGM next following their election but shall be eligible for re-election. The trustees serving during the year 2016 and up to the date of this report are listed on pages 5 and 6.

Committees

The Board of Trustees appoints other committees and working parties as it considers expedient from time to time. During the year there were initially four committees: Finance, Library, Education and Enterprises. In the latter half of the year the Library and Education committee were combined and formed a new Business Committee. A full list of members of committees for the year 2016 is given on page 6.

Staff

Management team

Chief Executive Officer: June M. Perrin
Head of Library Services: Tim Lawrence, BA
Genealogist: Else Churchill, BA (Hons), Dip Lib

Administration

Finance Manager (part-time): Tim Hillyer
Membership Officer: Jacki Ellis to January 2016,
Melanie Skinner from January 2016
Events Co-ordinator: Lori Weinstein
Events Assistant (part-time): Catherine Hopkins from
February 2016
Accounting Assistant (part-time): Elizabeth Little

Genealogy

Genealogy Assistant (part-time): Virginia Gilman

Library

Deputy Librarian: Claire Bullen, BA
Library Assistant: Nick Fogg, MA, Dip Lib
Cataloguer (part-time): Angela Thomson, BA, MCLIP

Reception/Bookshop

Assistant (part-time): Ryan Adams from March 2016
Assistant (part-time): Catherine Hopkins from February 2016
Assistant (part-time): Penny Screech from November 2016

IT Manager: Chris Mappley

Society of Genealogists Enterprises Limited

Chief Executive Officer: June M. Perrin
Bookshop Manager: Anthony Mortimer to March 2016
Graphic Designer: Graham Collett
Accounting Assistant (part-time): Natalia Dzvelaia to
February 2016
Saturday Assistant: Catherine Martin

Directors & Trustees

Profiles of the Board of Trustees during 2016 to the date of this report

Mark James Ayre, FRSA. Mark has been a member of the Society of Genealogists since 2012 and joined the Board of Trustees in January 2014. He is the Managing Director of a UK company providing bespoke services arranging cultural and heritage visits to the British Isles. His interest in genealogy began while listening to his grandfather's stories as a child. He is particularly interested in architecture and history, and enjoys adventure training, skydiving and travel. Mark resigned in March 2017.

Dr Nick Barratt. Nick has been member since 2010. He worked at The National Archives managing the Medieval & Early Modern, Legal, Maps, Plans and Photographs teams. He previously ran a Research Agency, acted as editor in chief of a *Family History Magazine* and Executive Director of FreeBMD. He is also President of the Federation of Family History Societies, Vice President of AGRA and a Co-ordinator at Action for Archives. He has wide experience in the media (tv, press etc) and has written several books on genealogy. Nick resigned in March 2016.

Amelia Bennett. Amelia has been a member since 2011. She volunteers in the Library and at external events. She is an experienced genealogist who has been researching both personal and others family history over the past twenty years. Amelia is active within the UK and international genealogical community. Within her professional life, as a nuclear safety engineer, she has been involved in strategic planning and can evaluate and analyse complex information. She has experience of problem solving, budgeting, marketing and networking.

Angela Buckley. Angela has been a member since 2009. Angela is a freelance writer specialising in social and family history. She publishes articles regularly and a related blog. She has just written and published her first book and is now working on the second. Angela spent ten years teaching French and Spanish in a large comprehensive school. As Head of Modern Languages she managed the faculty for four years. Subsequently she worked as Lecturer in Languages Education at Oxford Brookes University and King's College London. Angela currently serves as the Society Chairman.

Laura Doyle. Laura has been a member since 2013 and was elected to the Board in June 2016 after being co-opted in April 2016. She has a keen interest in Genealogy. Head of Investor Relations at L&G, Laura is a qualified Chartered Accountant. She is a self-motivated, innovative project manager with a strong background in financial modelling and due diligence. Laura is a welcome addition to the Board and currently serves as the Society's Treasurer.

Sandra Guilford. Sandra has been a member since 2010; she has a diverse background training first as a classical musician before becoming a biochemist. For many years she has been teaching or directing research in various universities. Sandra was a granddaughter of four immigrants to the US who left the Carpathian Mountains around 1900, who, roughly 80 years later, migrated in the opposite direction, to the UK. When she was a university student, she extracted facts and stories from her grandmother about the lives of two of the four families in Europe... and set on the path of a serious genealogical interest. Sandra was elected to the Board of Trustees on 24 June 2014.

Sue Hourizi. Sue became a member in 2000, and was elected to the Board of Trustees 2005–08, and reelected in 2013. She has been involved in family history since childhood; and while working in North Africa co-organised an oral family history programme in the early 1960s. Her professional background is in secondary school language teaching, from which she retired as a Head Teacher. She has been researching in the SoG library since 1990 and since 2000 has been a member of the Education Committee and a volunteer in a number of working groups connected with it including the telephone help-line. Sue currently serves on the Business Committee.

Edward Percival. Ed has been a member since 2016 and was co-opted to the Board in March 2017. Ed is the Managing Director of Charity People and has assisted enormously in placing new people with vital skillsets on the Board of Trustees. He is a proven, MBA-qualified, commercially-oriented leader who has driven change across charity, travel, retail, research and IT. He has extensive marketing experience with particular skills across digital and social media. He is comfortable with both devising strategy and making things happen.

Dr Richard Sturt, OBE, DCL, MA. Richard became a member in the 1970s and again in 2004 and was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2010. He is a solicitor, and was Coroner for Kent for 22 years. He has served on the boards of the Civil Aviation Authority, National Air Traffic Services, the Consumer Council for Water, the East Kent Hospitals Foundation Trust, St John Ambulance for Kent and Canterbury Christ Church University, of which he is now an Honorary Fellow. He was also Registrar of the Canterbury Diocese and legal secretary to the Bishop in Canterbury. His publications include works on maritime law, chancel repairs, disasters and water supply. Richard's term ended in June 2016.

Diana Swinfield. Diana has been a member since 1998, she has a background in banking, local government, education and retail and was clerk to the governors and office manager at a school. She became interested in family history about twenty years ago and has been involved with the Society as a volunteer for the past fifteen years. Diana has worked as a professional genealogist since 2006. She currently serves as Vice-Chairman of the Society.

Dr David Wright, FSG. David has been a member of the Society for nearly 40 years, joining in 1976, and was elected a Fellow in 2009. A classical scholar, and a professional genealogist and historian, he has lectured widely on genealogy and written several books on the subject. He still teaches Latin and palaeography. He has compiled the *London Probate Index 1750-1858*, the *West Kent Probate Index 1750-1858*, and the *East Kent Burial Index 1813-1841*. He has also catalogued Kent's extensive probate records and is currently indexing some of that county's Probate Act books. In his spare time he enjoys, chess, bridge, philately, hill-walking and visiting remote places. David was elected to the Board of Trustees on 24 June 2014.

Trustee recruitment, inductions & training

The Society's Governing documents require all Trustees to become a Member once successful in applying for Board membership. By not having to be a member for a requisite time in advance it means particular skillsets e.g. marketing can be advertised for more broadly.

Whilst recruitment traditionally took place via the main instruments of communications with Members i.e. the *Genealogists' Magazine*, the website and on the notice Boards in the Society we have now actively approached organisations where skilled people put themselves forward for positions on the Board. For some years we had large gaps in the skills required on the Board but no-one from the membership put themselves forward. The recent recruitment process has been enormously successful and in addition to committed genealogists we have boosted the skillsets needed with marketing, IT development, archive strategy, fundraising and business strategy. We found the majority of the candidates had an active interest in genealogy too (hence their applications). Applicants wishing to put themselves forward are invited for an interview and fill in a form to ensure they satisfy the criteria of Trustee along with a 200 word CV. Formal election takes place at the Annual General Meeting where all Members have a right to vote.

The Society accepts it requires a good cross section of skills on its Board of Trustees to cover all the areas the Charity encompasses. Previously this has been carried out informally but in 2006 attention was paid to formalising processes to ensure there are no major gaps in necessary skillsets and that all Trustees are aware of their responsibilities. Formal Interviews were held with all Trustees to assess their knowledge of the Society, the charity sector, the companies sector (all Trustees are also directors as the Society is a company limited by guarantee) and to assess their skill sets.

A checklist was produced of documents to be issued and discussed as well as a skills audit to be completed. New Job Profiles were agreed and issued for the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Trustees and issued to all. Ongoing it has been agreed any applicants from prospective Trustees shall be subject to a formal interview process to assess suitability in filling any specific skillset gaps on the Board.

To assist ongoing awareness Trustees receive any updates received from the Charity Commission etc. The Trustees employ a full-time Chief Executive whose job it is to ensure any arising issues are highlighted to the Trustees. Training is continual as needs arise.

New Trustees have an induction on all areas of operations and to assess the new skill sets being added to the Society. The whole process is another useful tool to aid focusing on the well being of the Society.

Education, Enterprises, Finance and Library Committees

During 2016 and to the date of this report

Education Committee: Dr Nick Barratt (Chairman), Else A. Churchill, Dr Hugh Guilford, Mrs Sandra Guilford, David Horwill (Minute Secretary), Sue Hourizi, Dr Richard Sturt, OBE and Nicholas Spence. This committee ended in June 2016.

Enterprises Committee: Dr Nick Barratt, Dr Hugh Guilford, June M. Perrin (CEO, Company Secretary) and Dr Richard Sturt, OBE (Chairman)

Finance Committee: Dr. Nick Barratt, (Treasurer) to March 2016, Laura Doyle, (Treasurer) from April 2016, Angela Buckley (Chairman), June Perrin (Chief Executive) and Tim Hillyer (Finance Manager).

Library and Records Committee: Amelia Bennett, Frank Hardy, FSG, Sue Highley, David Horwill (Minute Secretary), Tim Lawrence, John Titford, FSG, Diana Swinfield (Chairman), Marcus Turner, David Wright, FSG and Michael William Wood, FSG. This committee ended in June 2016.

The Education Committee and the Library Committee were replaced with a Business Committee at the July annual Trustee meeting. Much of the meeting contents were duplicated and tended to be focused on the operations of the Society so it was felt one committee concentrating on operations would be more effective. Library and Education are all covered in this committee.

Business Committee: Amelia Bennett, Else Churchill, Laura Doyle (ex-officio as Treasurer), David Horwill (Minute Secretary), Sue Hourizi, Tim Lawrence, June Perrin (Chairman), Nicholas Spence, FSG, Mrs Diana Swinfield and Marcus Turner.

Society of Genealogists Enterprises Ltd

Directors of SoG Enterprises Limited during the year and to the date of this report

Dr Nick Barratt, Dr Hugh Guilford, Dr Richard Sturt, OBE (Chairman).

Company Secretary: June M Perrin

Strategic overview

Present

During 2016 several surveys were undertaken to input into the new Strategic Document. The input and feedback received were invaluable and confirmed our previous strategic plan which we were still following was not a million miles from where we needed to be. With some minor changes the new Strategic Plan is now available on the website.

The website took a lot longer to complete than anticipated. Most of this was due to our main external IT developer moving companies and the departure of a key involved member of staff. However at the time of this report the new areas have been tested and are currently being populated ready to launch a premium content area for Members.

Due to the information above we were not ready to launch a major marketing campaign so membership numbers have dropped again. Whilst this may be alarming to some we are confident the new web area when marketed will attract more members.

In fundraising, bequests continued to come in, along with the regular donor and Friends initiatives. We have not had a proactive campaign as 2016 was concentrated on cost control to get the Society back in a break-even situation.

Partner service provided data licences picked up slightly during 2016 but our programme to add to our own data is going well and will eventually overtake this.

Contracts were finally signed for the deal for a developer to build flats on the top of the Society. This process will take some time as plans have to be submitted and agreed but we should be looking at a time period to complete of 24 to 36 months.

Operational focus in 2016 continued to be on returning the Society to a break even position. The CEO was tasked with a two year plan to turn this around but has actually managed to achieve this one year early and this year there is a surplus.

In 2016 the Society has:

- Continued with phase 2 of the website to bring about better Membership facilities
- Continued the Friends of the Society and the Fund for the Future initiatives and reissued the legacy leaflet
- Added substantial data and images online in its own Members Area
- Built on its extensive education programme including its summer schools
- Commenced the joint Pharos Advanced course to complement the current intermediate course we offer
- Negotiated a new contract with the *Who Do You Think You Are?* Live show in order to maintain our high profile and input into the event, once again held in Birmingham
- Continued to add to the vast array of resources in the Library with new special collections arriving almost weekly
- Continued re-assessing the publications process which unfortunately led to the redundancy of the Bookshop Manager. The sales volume could no longer warrant this specific post
- Monitored its activities via its Key Performance Indicators and monthly management accounts
- Consulted with Members and non-members on the future shaping of the Society via more open surveys
- Continued on the two year plan to bring the Society back to a break even position
- Finalised emptying the Winter Palace storage facility to save the Society vital funds

Future

After achieving break-even in 2016, 2017 can now concentrate on increasing revenue and membership.

Our own courses are now in development and will be an addition to the premium content Members' area on the website.

Many webinars and advanced leaflets will be added for Members to access.

A new system of membership will be established for online access members and 'full' membership including access to the library.

The Society will have a refurbishment of communal areas and preparation for the incoming films from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain will be accommodated onsite for their own library services.

The Society will continue its liaisons with the Members on the future of the Society. This will be by a variety of methods including specific surveys on Education, Library, online facilities and any other specific areas that need to be covered.

The Society will continue to prepare itself to embrace any opportunity to widen its delivery of genealogical knowledge and material.

Objectives & Aims of the Society

The objectives and aims of the charity are to promote, encourage and foster the study, science and knowledge of genealogy. The Society's principal activities in achieving this aim continue to relate to education and are to:

- maintain the foremost specialist library in the country
- provide a comprehensive programme of lectures, tutorials and courses
- publish textbooks and indexes of genealogical material

- maintain co-operative relationships with allied organisations
- lobby government and other relevant organisations on behalf of the genealogical community

The objectives we set ourselves for the year were to increase membership numbers, to increase lecture delivery, to increase accessibility to material by increasing data on-line, to continue providing excellent customer service, to improve accessibility by ensuring prompt cataloguing of library material and to follow a strategic plan with income generation as its major component, albeit recognising that cost control had to be a short term aim to ensure the Society re-enters a break even position.

Achievements & Performance

Detailed descriptions of the different departments' performance are made throughout this Annual Report. However, the Trustees recognise the need to have some Key Performance Indicators to assess whether the Society is achieving its Objectives.

The following Key Performance Indicators were approved and instigated in 2015. An assessment is made each year on the continuing suitability of the Indicators and the Trustees monitor them regularly.

We were bullish on the KPI for Membership in 2016 as we fully expected our membership area on the website to be completed (when a major marketing campaign can be undertaken). Unfortunately with internal and external staffing issues this is now taking place in 2017. With little marketing the numbers are to be expected.

Key Performance Indicators:

Department	Objective	2015	2016	Target	Variance
Membership	To raise numbers by 300	9,712	9,314	10,012	-6.97%
Lectures	To achieve £35,000	£35,359	£40,406	£35,000	+15.44%
Lectures	To achieve attendance of 2,500	2425	2614	2500	+4.56%
Data On-line	To add at least 500,000 names/images	667,404	547,473	500,000	+9.49%
Fundraising	To raise £34,500	£56,059	£58,396	£34,500	+69.26%
Customer Care	To achieve 95% satisfaction rate	96%	98%	95%	+3.15%
Cataloguing	To ensure material is catalogued within 3 months of receipt	Dec 2015	Dec 2016	Sep 2016	+3 months

Lectures have again had a very good year. All the onsite courses have been very well subscribed as demand is still increasing. This is shortly to be complemented by online courses. The increase in lecture attendance is also an indication of how more positive marketing will eventually work for membership too as our Events Co-ordinator (along with a valued volunteer) have been doing more online marketing of courses.

Data Online has continued to perform well in 2016. Members benefit by new material being added weekly.

Customer Care surveys continued and useful feedback comes from them to enable us to improve services. Complaints have been very low. In 2017 we hope to commence a library user group that will give us further feedback.

Our main cataloguing continues to go well and the backlog is visible on the catalogue. Although all the items are not on the open shelves the Library staff can issue items as requested. The move from the Winter Palace has caused some displacement of material but volunteers, the cataloguer and the library staff are all dealing with this admirably.

The economy still affects how much we can fundraise but bequests have continued to help in 2016. Thanks go to our Friends, Fund for the Future donors and all general donors for their continued support.

After another mixed year with the continued struggling economy, 2017 will see huge improvements in services and concentrating on marketing and income growth.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

The purpose of the Charity is encapsulated in its objects to make available its resources to as wide an audience as possible, to encourage the study of Family History. One excellent example is the free Open Access area which provides a good resource to newcomers in starting their educational journey. By reading this report it will be clear what wide services the Society offers to ensure all the public can benefit from its services. The membership fee is kept as low as possible and is the equivalent of only just over £1 per week.

Risk Statement

The Society recognises that it has a responsibility to manage risks effectively in order to control its assets and liabilities, protect its employees and community against potential losses or against obstacles in the way of achieving its objectives.

The trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed and satisfied themselves that systems or procedures are established in order to manage and minimise those risks.

The Library

During the year new photocopiers were acquired for the Middle Library and reception.

Due to the library not having a second hand book stall at WDYTVA Live, an expanded selection of second hand books was sold in our bookshop from March onwards.

New shelving was erected in the Upper, Middle and Lower libraries to house the stock that was transferred from the Winter Palace. Thanks go to Claire Bullen for sourcing free shelving.

Acquisitions

Grateful thanks are due to all those individuals and organisations who have donated material to the library in the past year. Thanks are also due to Findmypast, My Heritage and Ancestry for providing access to their websites from the Society's library.

Altogether 3,832 new items were added to the library stock in 2016, including:

The latest Lancashire Parish Register Society volumes
Lincolnshire clergy lists

Northallerton wills & inventories, 1666-1719

Wellington's men remembered (a register of memorials to soldiers who served in the Peninsular War and Waterloo 1808-1815)

Phillimore marriage registers for Cornwall

A large number of previously unpublished register transcripts produced by Phillimore, for the counties of Hertfordshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Somerset, Suffolk and Warwickshire

Catholic baptisms in Southampton 1792-1916

Buckminster Town Book 1665-1767 and Constable's Book 1755-1813

A Norfolk Marriage Index (work in progress) produced by Patrick Palgrave-Moore (which includes standardised spellings of surnames)

Dr. Roger Veall's Record Cards of Guernsey birth, marriage & deaths.

In addition, free access to the British Newspaper Archive was made available.

Membership

A complete list of all incoming items for 2016 can be found in the *Genealogists' Magazine* and they are all shown on the catalogue. The library now holds 146,785 items.

In addition to the book stock, 1,283 documents were added to the Surname Document Collection over the course of the year.

Library usage

The library collection was well used by members and day visitors. 1,288 sets of microfiche, 189 CDs and 185 books on closed access were consulted in 2016, in addition to 199 document collections, 73 special collections, 58 roll pedigrees and 12 maps. The number of people consulting the main book collection was not monitored as it is on open access.

31 items were borrowed from the library and 150 digital camera/USB permits were issued.

Cataloguing

At the end of the year there were 2,376 items shown as 'available on request' (down from 2,466 in 2015). These can be consulted by filling out a closed access slip in the normal way.

Projects

Amongst the projects completed in 2016 were:

- India Index
- Alumni Oxonienses
- National Roll of the Great War
- Welply's Irish wills and pleadings

Current indexing projects include the following:

- Birth Briefs
- Business index
- Poll books
- Indian monumental inscriptions
- Memorial Cards index
- BMSGH certificates
- Great Card index
- Mitcham Pedigrees

Open Access area

The Society's Open Access area continued at the front of house to aid people getting started online.

Membership at the end of 2016 was 9,314 (9,712 – 2015). The overall decrease in membership by 398 was not unexpected due to no marketing being carried out. This was down to website development problems as mentioned earlier under Strategic aims.

The new Members' area is now on the test site and is being populated as this report is compiled. 2017 will see the marketing campaign to attract new members.

Membership fees have been increased by a nominal £1 to £53 for 2016. Day entry fees remain at £5 for two hours, £10 for four hours and £18 for a day.

Publications

A further review was undertaken on the publishing arm and unfortunately it was decided to make the bookshop manager position redundant. The volume of sales did not warrant a post of this nature.

Publications have continued but we did not manage to publish any new SoG titles in the *My Ancestor...* series, though some were reprinted and editing is ongoing for new publications. Existing titles continue to be edited as eBooks for downloads from Amazon.

The Society is delighted to announce that its esteemed journal the *Genealogists' Magazine* (vol 1-27s) has now been published on DVDs and sets can be purchased through the bookshop. Later volumes are online for members. This means the magazine is now searchable and provides a tremendously useful genealogical resource. The magazine is edited today by Michael Gandy and Graham Collett continues as designer and publishing assistant and is very active in the design and distribution of the Society's publications.

A new e-newsletter was launched in March 2016 and feedback has been positive. A special edition was produced for the launch of the journals on DVD. This e-newsletter is a monthly publication.

Electronic Publishing

62,482 items were scanned over the course of the year (28,802 documents and 33,680 book pages), plus a large number of card indexes connected to special collections.

Communication

101 datasets containing 522,079 names were added to the Society's collection of online records (SoG Data Online) during 2016, in addition to 25,394 digitised images. These included:

Parish registers for Abergavenny, Banstead, Broadhempston, Linby, Littleborough, Morton, Newark (Christ Church), Normanton on Soar, Normanton on Trent, Southwold, Stokenham, West Oghwell

Poll books for East Suffolk (1841), Great Yarmouth (1830 & 1841), Hastings (1868), Hereford (1832), Ipswich (1852), Leicester (1832), Leicestershire (1830), Lewes (1816 & 1830), Lincoln (1841), Liverpool (1832), City of London (1833), Northampton (1830), Northamptonshire (1806),

School registers for Ackworth, Bedford Modern, Bradfield, Bradford Grammar, Brighton College, Bruton, Bury St Edmunds school, Castle Howell, Charterhouse, Chigwell school, Christ's Hospital, Clergy Orphan School, Clifton College, Colchester, Elizabeth College, Eton, Felsted, Fettes, Haileybury, Harrow, King William College, Lancing College, Leeds Grammar School, Malvern, Manchester, Marlborough College, Merchant Taylors School, Mill Hill, Nottingham High, Queens College, Radley College, Repton, Rossall, Rugby

Monumental inscriptions for Brigham and Bridekirk, Birmingham Christ Church, Bunhill Fields, Charterhouse, Dalston St Michael, Dovercourt, Durham city, Happing hundred, Harwich, Hawkshead, Herne, High Halden, Ramsey, Smarden

National roll of the Great War sections 9-14

Northowram nonconformist register

Woolhampton and Upton Court RC register

Weston Underwood RC register

Quaker Annual Monitor 1833

Pigot's directory for Monmouthshire 1835

Somerset: Historical, Descriptive, Biographical part 1

Alumni Oxonienses Late series

Birth briefs Volumes 1-12

Genealogia Bedfordiensis

Snell Collection Vol 17 (Berkshire hearth tax etc.)

Richard and William Ludlow

Ludlow - the Harleian series

Chronicles of Finchampstead

History and antiquities of the Hundred of Bray

A complete listing of all the material now available can be found at <http://sog.ourarchives.info/bin/recordslist.php> and new material being added can be found in the Society Newsletter.

22,925 searches were made in our online collections.

Work continued on developing the Society's website during 2016. News and notices from the Society and information about forthcoming events etc are published on the news pages of the website and aggregated out to social media. The following on the Society's Twitter and Facebook pages which are maintained by the Genealogist continues to grow with approximately 7,000 and 3,500 followers respectively. The Society is also grateful to Cheryl Abrahart for working on the Society's Pinterest pages and for helping to add web presence to our publications, courses and events.

The Society's new and enhanced newsletter commissioned by the Chief Executive and under the editorship of Emma Jolly has been well received. This features SoG news and promotions and more general news about the genealogical community. Members and non-members can sign up to receive the newsletter through the website.

The Society's dedicated Members' Rootsweb email list remains active with 445 subscribers at the end of the year. Administered by the Society's Network Manager, Chris Mappley who also provides technical support to SoG online members, the list enables members to seek advice and genealogical support from other members. The email list is a forum for members to speak to other members and is not an official line of communication with staff or officers of the Society although some do post in a personal capacity. Volunteers man the Society's telephone genealogy advice line on Thursday evenings and Saturdays and the one-to-one consultations in the Library on alternate Saturdays. Further contact information can be found on the website and in the *Genealogists' Magazine*.

Education, Lectures, Courses & Fairs

Our education programme remains successful and continues to serve the Society's charitable aims and objectives. Income and attendance were both higher than last year with some 2,614 attendees at our events, courses and visits (2,425 in 2015). The Society's two Family Getaways were this year focussed on London Ancestry and were very well attended. Study days in commemoration of the Great Fire of London and other focus on 17th century research went very well as did the short lunch time talks and evening workshops aimed at problem solving and tackling brickwalls.

The Society's partnership with Pharos Tutors commenced the Family History Skills and Strategies (Advanced) certificate pilot course to accompany the existing well established Intermediate course. Both are progressing well with much work going on to edit and produce the course materials.

Additionally work has been on ongoing to commission and edit online course and education materials for members on the Society's own website which will be published in 2017.

Free talks on using the library catalogue, getting the most from SoG Data Online and volunteering at the SoG were given by the Head of Library Services, and these can be found on the Library Section of our website. The Genealogist also gave a free talk on getting the best out of the Society and the treasures in the library.

External Liaison, Media Coverage & Outreach

The Society advocates for genealogists in the archive and records community. The Genealogist and several other members attended a General Register Office policy programme meeting to hear and comment on plans to produce enhanced indexes of births and deaths drawn from the digitised records and the pilot scheme to issue information in noncertified form as cheaper PDFs emailed out from the office in Southport. These initiatives were made publically available later in the year.

The Genealogist attended occasional open forum user meetings at The National Archives and the twice yearly meetings of Family History Users at the London Metropolitan Archives. The Head of Library Services also represented the Society on the Committee of London Research Libraries and the London Learned and Professional Societies Librarians Group.

The Genealogist attended a briefing or 'getting to know you' meeting with Ancestry and its professional research arm, Pro Genealogists, and a meeting for the charitable sector under the Your Parliament Campaign at the House of Commons. The Chief Executive was invited to attend the 80th anniversary of the Irish Genealogical Research Society celebrations at the College of Arms.

The Society hosted visits by Ciara Kerrigan, Assistant Keeper of the National Archives of Dublin and Anthony Pitaluga, the Gibraltar State Archivist. The New England Historic Genealogical Society visited the Society as part of their genealogical research tour.

The Society was featured by the *Daily Telegraph* and a BBC World Service Programme called the *Why Factor*. *Family Tree Magazine* ran an article about the Society's help and advice services and filmed a video about the Society which featured on a cover DVD.

The Genealogist recorded two online webinars for findmypast and continues to contribute a regular monthly column for *Your Family History Magazine*

In addition to the 24 regular Saturday library tours, special tours were given to U3A groups from Harrow, Invicta, Lea Valley, Milford, St Albans, Stanford le Hope, Waltham Forest and the Metropolitan Police Family History Society. In addition several groups from Secret London Tours visited the Society. Genealogy students from Strathclyde University also visited the Society. Tours and lectures were also given on the New Member Orientation days and a Saturday Open Day at the Society.

The Genealogist made several outreach visits to give talks to local family history societies including talks at the Hampshire Genealogical Society AGM in Portsmouth and gave a talk about the Society for an Archives for London meeting at the LMA.

The Chief Executive renegotiated the contract for continued partnership with the annual *Who Do You Think You Are?* Live event which had its second year at the NEC in Birmingham. As usual the Society arranged an extensive program of talks by over 50 speakers and the SoG's Ask the Expert Area was manned by a huge number of SoG volunteers who were kept very busy during the show.

The Society had its regular stand at Nunhead Cemetery open day, where Society literature and publications were available. The Society's Census Detectives team represented the SoG at various genealogical events.

Premises

The usual Health and Safety assessments and fire risks have been undertaken during the year and thanks go again to Frank Hardy and Tim Hillyer for their assistance. Regular maintenance continues for all standard items e.g. lift, air conditioning, fire extinguishers, fire alarms, burglar alarm etc

The major development project was finally signed off and thanks go to Richard Sturt for the sterling work he did on this to ensure the Society's interests and assets were protected. The build is still some time away as planning permissions etc. still need to be passed.

The Irish Genealogical Research Society continues to have a temporary home at the Society. 2017 will see the films from the London Family History Centre join our extensive collections and the Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain will be hosting their library from our premises. Collaboration is the way forward for family history and we see these additions as complementary to our services.

Fellowship & Awards

Fellows

The Articles of Association of the Society prescribes three 'classes' of members. They are Ordinary Members, Fellows and Honorary Fellows. The constitution sets a maximum of 100 Fellows and just 10 Honorary Fellows. Those put forward for Fellowship must have been members for at least five consecutive years, but those proposed for Honorary Fellowship do not need to be members of the Society at the time of their nomination. Candidates for either honour must be proposed by not fewer than six Fellows and a secret ballot is then held among all the Fellows. Successful nominees must secure a two-thirds majority. In weighing their vote, Fellows must judge whether those proposed for Fellowship have rendered 'distinguished services to the Society or to genealogy' and whether they wish to honour those proposed for Honorary Fellowship for their 'very distinguished services to genealogy'.

The election of one new Fellow was announced at the AGM in 2016; Mrs Susan Gibbons.

At 31 December 2016 there were two Honorary Fellows.

Anthony Camp, MBE, 1982
Jeremy Gibson, Fellow 1963, Hon 1999

There were 74 Fellows:

John Addis-Smith, 1999
Colin Allen, 2002
Mrs Norma Allum, 1993
Michael Armstrong, 1994
Dr Morris Bierbrier, 1993
Paul Blake, 1994
Brian Brooks, 1978
Christopher Broomfield, 2007
Robert Michael Bunting, 2007
Mrs Yvonne Jean Bunting, 2002
Michael Burchall, 1975
Dr Colin Chapman, 1990
Peter Christian, 2000
Miss Lydia Collins, 2011
Patric Dickinson, 2000
Thomas Doig, 2013
Dr Andrea Duncan, 1998
Michael Gandy, 1987
Mrs Susan Gibbons, 2016
Paul Gorry, 1999
Mrs Jan Gow, 2012
Stephen Hale, 1989
John Hanson, 2005
Frank Hardy, 1998
John Harnden, 1999
Duncan Wilson Harrington, 2007

David Hawgood, 1987
Mark David Herber, 2007
Ian Jeffery Hilder, 2003
Miss Sharon Hintze, 2015
David Mervyn Horwill, 2007
Cecil Humphery-Smith, 1970
Kingsley Ireland, 1973
Keith Johnson, AM, 1992
Dr Anthony Joseph, 1970
Charles Kidd, 2000
Miss Patricia Kirkland, 1991
Brian Loomes, 1993
Mrs Susan Lumas, 1997
Miss Hilary Marshall, 2000
Sir Mervyn Medlycott, Bt, 1990
Mrs Joy Wade Moulton, 1992
Nicholas Newington-Irving, 1999
Peter Nutt, 2004
Derek Palgrave, 1982
Mrs Pamela Palgrave, 2005
Peter Park, 1989
Eric Probert, 1994
Mrs Doris E Pullen, 1992
Prof Brian Randell, 2000
Richard Ratcliffe, 2001
Dr Colin Rogers, 1986
John Rowlands, 1995
Mrs Sheila Rowlands, 1995
Malcolm Sainty, AM, 1996
Mrs Beryl Schumer, 2008
Dr Michael Siddons, 1998
Paul Floyd Smart, 1988
Nicholas Spence, 2015
Dr Peter Spufford, 1969
David Squire, 1998
Miss Monnica Stevens, 1998
Dr Geoffrey Swinfield, 2012
Neville Taylor, 1995
Dr Stephen Taylor, 2006
Rt Hon the Lord Teviot, 1975
John Titford, 2004
Mrs Jean Tooke, 1992
Peter Towey, 2015
Ian Waller, 2011
Cliff Webb, 1981
James Willerton, 2002
William Michael Wood, 2008
Dr David Wright, 2009

We are sorry to report that Mr Vic Gale died in 2016.

Awards

The Board of Trustees is able to recognise the contribution of members, non-members and appropriate organisations

through the award of a Certificate of Appreciation. His Royal Highness Prince Michael of Kent has graciously agreed that a special award may be made from time to time bearing his name. In 2016, the Prince Michael of Kent Award was not awarded.

The Society commenced a new award during 2013 to recognise individuals and organisations who did not qualify for Fellowship under the five year membership rule. It is for recognition of efforts and activities that have made some exceptional contribution to genealogy to the benefit of anyone wishing to study family history. The Certificate of Recognition was awarded in its fourth year to Mrs Lou Szucs, for exceptional dedication over three decades to the genealogy community.

In 2016, Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Jack Davies, Frank Game, June Horn, Penny Nuttall, Alan Pursell and Richard Sturt, OBE.

Volunteers

During closed week 30 volunteers helped clear our external store (the Winter Palace) and relocate the library stock to both the main building and our storage facility in Essex. Everyone worked extremely hard and their help is appreciated. Some volunteers continue to relocate books as this could not all be achieved in the short initial time frame.

A volunteers' Christmas party was held in December to thank those who had helped the Society during the course of the year.

Where possible we name volunteers throughout this report but when not possible we would like to thank all the volunteers who help us. They are greatly appreciated; the Society would struggle to exist without their generosity.

Fundraising

Little has changed in 2016 and we reiterate 2015's statement that despite assurances by the government that we were coming out of the economic downturn there was still no respite for interest rates. We therefore still did not recommence pro-active fundraising.

Fundraising has however remained stable and Members have continued to support us financially and we thank all those who can and do.

The Friends of the Society initiative continued and in 2016 raised £7,191 (2015: £6,847).

The Society would like to encourage people to make a regular standing order donation of any sum small or large, monthly or annually with our Fund for the Future programme. Income during 2016 was £1,517 (2015: £2,458).

Legacies did well with several generous bequests adding to the overall total.

Finance

Treasurers Report

A deficit budget was set by the Society for 2016 with plans in place to reduce this deficit to a breakeven state by 2017. As a result of much hard work by the team, excellent progress was made on this during the year and the Society was able to break even a year ahead of schedule, achieving a surplus for the full year 2016 of £24k. This has mainly been achieved by restructuring elements of the society, identifying cost cutting initiatives and further staff cuts where appropriate. Now largely complete, it is acknowledged that costs cannot be cut any further without impacting the Society and its aims.

Achieving a breakeven position within current operations during 2016 gives us a good sound footing moving forward to 2017 and beyond. As noted above, following the restructuring the focus on achieving improved financial performance must come from increasing income rather than further large scale cost management exercises. In 2017, the focus is to increase income with marketing campaigns for new membership. Plans for these are already well advanced.

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charitable group for the year ended 31 December 2016. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2015).

**Trustees' Responsibility Statement for the year ended
31 December 2016**

The Trustees (who are also the directors of The Society Of Genealogists for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

Company law 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 charitable company and group and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group 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 Charity 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditor is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 5 May 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

Angela Buckley

Angela Buckley
Chairman

5 May 2017

Laura Doyle

Laura Doyle
Treasurer

5 May 2017

Report of the Independent Auditor

to the Trustees of The Society Of Genealogists

We have audited the consolidated and parent charitable company's financial statements of The Society of Genealogists for the year ended 31 December 2016 on pages six to twenty five. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including the Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland').

This report is made solely to the charitable company and group's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under Section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charitable group and company's Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's Trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibility Statement set out on pages nineteen and twenty one, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable group and company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

The Trustees have elected for the financial statements to be audited in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 rather than the Companies Act 2006. Accordingly we have been appointed as auditor under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under Section 154 of that Act.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Report of the Trustees to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially

incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group and charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2016 and of the group's incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland'; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements. In light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable group and company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, any material misstatements have been identified in the directors report.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the group and parent charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Richard Place Dobson Services Limited

Statutory Auditors
Chartered Accountants
1-7 Station Road, Crawley
West Sussex RH10 1HT

Date: 5 May 2017

Richard Place Dobson Services Limited is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2016 Total Funds £	2015 Total Funds £
INCOME FROM						
Donations and legacies	2	58,396			58,396	56,059
Charitable Activities	4					
Membership income		403,348	-	-	403,348	403,516
Library income		2,738	-	3,825	6,563	5,760
Event income		70,611	-	-	70,611	63,109
Genealogy income		1,960	-	-	1,960	3,270
Book shop and publications		59,009	-	-	59,009	73,004
Investment Income	3	1,287	-	-	1,287	1,659
Other Income		<u>3,652</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,652</u>	<u>4,325</u>
Total		<u>601,001</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,825</u>	<u>604,826</u>	<u>610,702</u>
EXPENDITURE ON						
Cost of Raising Funds	5	1,145	-	-	1,145	5,685
Charitable Activities	6					
Membership expenditure		139,036	-	-	139,036	153,151
Library expenditure		212,820	-	1,935	214,755	232,992
Event expenditure		113,687	-	-	113,687	102,418
Genealogy expenditure		20,127	-	-	20,127	19,932
Bookshop, magazine & publications expenditure		<u>91,904</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,904</u>	<u>116,226</u>
Total		<u>578,719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,935</u>	<u>580,654</u>	<u>630,404</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		22,282	-	1,890	24,172	(19,702)
Transfers between funds	18	<u>1,219</u>	<u>(819)</u>	<u>(400)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		23,501	(819)	1,490	24,172	(19,702)
Gain on revaluation of fixed assets		<u>-</u>	<u>2,189,249</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,189,249</u>	<u>-</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS						
Net movement of funds		23,501	2,188,430	1,490	2,213,421	(19,702)
Total Funds brought forward		<u>251,898</u>	<u>886,692</u>	<u>30,734</u>	<u>1,169,324</u>	<u>1,189,026</u>
Total Funds carried forward		<u><u>275,399</u></u>	<u><u>3,075,122</u></u>	<u><u>32,224</u></u>	<u><u>3,382,745</u></u>	<u><u>1,169,324</u></u>

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Consolidated Balance Sheet at 31 December

Consolidated		Unrestricted fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2016 Total funds £	2015 Total funds £
	Note					
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	13	<u>84,272</u>	<u>3,045,122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,129,394</u>	<u>952,078</u>
CURRENT ASSETS						
Stock of goods for resale		27,084	-	-	27,084	29,138
Debtors	15	51,240	-	-	51,240	50,391
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>240,169</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>32,224</u>	<u>302,393</u>	<u>263,533</u>
		318,493	30,000	32,224	380,717	343,062
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(127,366)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(127,366)</u>	<u>(125,817)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>191,127</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>32,224</u>	<u>253,351</u>	<u>217,245</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>275,399</u>	<u>3,075,122</u>	<u>32,224</u>	<u>3,382,745</u>	<u>1,169,323</u>
FUNDS	18					
Unrestricted funds:						
General fund					275,399	251,897
Designated fund					<u>3,075,122</u>	<u>886,692</u>
					3,350,521	1,138,589
Restricted funds:						
Restricted fund					<u>32,224</u>	<u>30,734</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					<u>3,382,745</u>	<u>1,169,323</u>

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Consolidated Balance Sheet - continued at 31 December

The charitable group is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2016.

The members have not deposited notice, pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the charitable group keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and;
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and parent charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its consolidated surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable group.

These financial statements have been audited under the requirements of Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 5 May 2017 and were signed on its behalf by:

Angela Buckley

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Angela Buckley - Chairman of Board of Trustees

Laura Doyle

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Laura Doyle - Treasurer

Company Number 115703

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Charity Balance Sheet at 31 December

Charity Only		Unrestricted fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2016 Total funds £	2015 Total funds £
	Note					
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	13	84,272	3,045,122	-	3,129,394	952,078
Investments	14	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
		104,272	3,045,122	-	3,149,394	972,078
CURRENT ASSETS						
Stock of goods for resale		27,084	-	-	27,084	29,138
Debtors	15	61,960	-	-	61,960	55,547
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>206,056</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>32,224</u>	<u>268,280</u>	<u>240,924</u>
		295,100	30,000	32,224	357,324	325,609
CREDITORS:						
Amounts falling due within one year	16	<u>(123,973)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(123,973)</u>	<u>(128,364)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>171,127</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>32,224</u>	<u>233,351</u>	<u>197,245</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u><u>275,399</u></u>	<u><u>3,075,122</u></u>	<u><u>32,224</u></u>	<u><u>3,382,745</u></u>	<u><u>1,169,323</u></u>
FUNDS						
	18					
Unrestricted funds:						
General fund					275,399	251,897
Designated fund					3,075,122	886,692
					3,350,521	1,138,589
Restricted funds:					<u>32,224</u>	<u>30,734</u>
TOTAL FUNDS					<u><u>3,382,745</u></u>	<u><u>1,169,323</u></u>

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Charity Balance Sheet - continued at 31 December

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Laura Doyle

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Laura Doyle - Treasurer

Company Number 115703

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Statement of Cash Flows and Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December

		Group
	Note	2016 2015
Cash used in operating activities	21	<u>48,262</u> <u>(3,560)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest Income		1,287 1,659
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(10,690)</u> <u>(10,277)</u>
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>(9,403)</u> <u>(8,618)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities	11	<u>-</u> <u>-</u>
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		<u>38,859</u> <u>(12,178)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<u>263,533</u> <u>275,711</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u>302,393</u> <u>263,533</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2016

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

Transition to FRS102

These financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 are the first financial statements of The Society of Genealogists prepared in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland. The date of transition to FRS 102 was 1 January 2015 when the charity elected to adopt FRS 102 for Smaller Entities. The reported financial position and financial performance for the previous period are not affected by the transition to FRS 102 as the transition adjustments were dealt with when the FRSSE SORP was adopted last year except for the freehold building which has been revalued.

Basis of Consolidation

The group accounts consolidate the accounts of the Society of Genealogists and its subsidiary undertaking drawn up to 31 December. As permitted by Section 480 of the Companies Act 2006, no separate statement of financial activities for the Society of Genealogists is presented.

Income

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is deferred only when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Donations and legacies

Donations are accounted for gross when receivable, so long as they are capable of financial measurement. The Society recognises legacies when they have been informed they are to be in receipt of a legacy. This represents a change in accounting policy, as in previous years legacies were only recognised when there was adequate certainty and reliability of their value and could be accurately measured. The accounting policy has changed on adoption of FRS 102.

Grants

Grants receivable are recognised when there is reasonable assurance of their receipt, whether capital or revenue in nature. Grants are recognised on an accruals basis.

Membership income

Membership income represents subscriptions for membership of the charity and is recognised in the period to which it relates.

Event income

Event income represents sponsorship and entrance fees for events and is recognised in the accounts when the event takes place.

Genealogy income

Genealogy income represents sums paid for specific genealogical consultation.

Bookshop, magazine and publications income

Bookshop, magazine and publication income represents income from sales of genealogy books and the Society of Genealogist magazine and is recognised on the day the sale takes place.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category.

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Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets other than books and manuscripts 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, for items over £250. No depreciation is provided on freehold land or on books, manuscripts, and typescripts, since it is the Society's practice to maintain these in a continual state of sound repair and any depreciation involved would not be material. Provision will be made should any permanent diminution in the value of these documents occur. The Charity has chosen to take advantage of the transitional relief available on adoption of FRS102-1A and have elected to include the land and building at its valuation which is its deemed cost for the purposes of these accounts. The rates currently used are as follows:

Freehold Building	- 2% straight line per annum Where residual value exceeds cost there will be no depreciation.
Plant and machinery	- 50% straight line per annum.
Furniture, fixtures, fittings, computers and equipment	- 20% or 25% on book value per annum
Microfilm	- 10% on book value per annum

Foreign Currency translation

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are included in net outgoing resources.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution scheme. The pension costs charged to the SOFA represent the amount of the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

Taxation

No provision has been made for corporation tax or deferred tax as the charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt.

Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is included in Resources Expended within administration costs.

Operating Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Stocks

Stocks of publications and other items for sale are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after providing for slow moving items.

Investments

The investment in the subsidiary is stated at cost less provision for any diminution in value.

Taxation

The Society is a registered charity and avails itself of the exemptions available under the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

Fund Accounting

The Unrestricted Fund consists of funds to be used for the purposes of the Charity at its discretion. Designated Funds are unrestricted funds which have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The Restricted Fund consists of funds to be used for specific purposes determined by the donor.

Debtors, cash and creditors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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.

Creditors 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 are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any discounts due.

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Basic financial assets

The charitable company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the balance sheet when the charitable company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

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

Critical judgements

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Valuation of Library

The valuation of the books which are included within fixed assets is a material figure in the accounts and is based primarily on the historical cost value that the society paid a number of years ago. Given that the majority of these items are not available to be purchased on the open market, it has been estimated that their value has not fluctuated since the original cost incurred by the society. For insurance purposes the library is valued at £2,793,000.

Valuation of Land and Buildings

Freehold land and building was included in the accounts at historic cost. No depreciation is charged on the building on the basis that the estimated residual value is in excess of the cost included in the accounts and depreciation would be immaterial.

The Society has taken advantage of the transitional relief available on adoption of FRS102 to include land and buildings in the accounts at its valuation of £2,800,000 as at 29 April 2014. This valuation is on a freehold vacant possession value and was conducted by Gerald Eve LLP. On adoption this valuation has become deemed cost.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2016 Total funds £	2015 Total funds £
Grants and donations received	19,841	-	19,841	23,309
Legacies	38,555	-	38,555	32,750
	<u>58,396</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,396</u>	<u>56,059</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2016 Total funds £	2015 Total funds £
	1,287	-	1,287	1,659
	<u>1,287</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,287</u>	<u>1,659</u>

4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2016 £	2015 £
Membership Income comprises:		
Subscriptions	394,732	399,197
Magazine	4,932	-
Entrance fees and lost cards	3,684	4,319
	<u>403,348</u>	<u>403,516</u>

The magazine costs have been moved to membership as it is a membership service not a commercial publication.

5. COST OF RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2016 Total funds £	2015 Total funds £
Other Trading activities				
Fundraising costs	<u>1,145</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,145</u>	<u>5,685</u>

6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

2016 Resources expended include:	Direct staff costs £	Direct other costs £	Support costs £	2016 Total £
Charitable activities				
Membership expenditure	34,959	69,997	34,080	139,036
Library expenditure	96,780	25,082	92,893	214,755
Event expenditure	61,583	31,348	20,756	113,687
Genealogy expenditure	20,118	9	-	20,127
Bookshop & publications expenditure	<u>59,889</u>	<u>16,930</u>	<u>15,085</u>	<u>91,904</u>
	<u>273,329</u>	<u>143,366</u>	<u>162,814</u>	<u>579,509</u>

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CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS (CONTINUED)

2015 Resources expended include:	Direct staff costs £	Direct other costs £	Support costs £	2015 Total £
Charitable activities				
Membership expenditure	52,906	70,285	29,960	153,151
Library expenditure	106,111	27,504	99,377	232,992
Event expenditure	54,642	27,516	20,260	102,418
Genealogy expenditure	19,895	37	-	19,932
Bookshop & publications expenditure	75,907	25,420	14,899	116,226
	<u>309,461</u>	<u>150,762</u>	<u>164,496</u>	<u>624,719</u>

7. SUPPORT COSTS

Support Costs for 2016:	Staff Costs £	Depreciation £	Premises Costs £	Administration Costs £	2016 Total £
Charitable activities					
Membership expenditure	18,768	1,471	4,855	8,986	34,080
Library expenditure	21,710	19,203	47,412	4,568	92,893
Event expenditure	10,237	1,460	4,402	4,657	20,756
Bookshop & publications expenditure	8,755	489	1,549	4,292	15,085
	<u>59,470</u>	<u>22,623</u>	<u>58,218</u>	<u>22,503</u>	<u>162,814</u>

Support Costs for 2015:	Staff Costs £	Depreciation £	Premises Costs £	Administration Costs £	2015 Total £
Charitable activities					
Membership expenditure	15,940	1,730	4,541	7,649	29,860
Library expenditure	21,285	22,793	50,254	5,045	99,377
Event expenditure	9,552	1,732	4,614	4,362	20,260
Bookshop & publications expenditure	8,203	1,152	1,624	4,020	14,999
	<u>54,980</u>	<u>27,407</u>	<u>61,033</u>	<u>21,076</u>	<u>164,496</u>

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net Income/(expenditure) is stated after charging:	2016 £	2015 £
Auditors Remuneration - current year Charity	4,500	4,000
Auditors Remuneration - current year Company	500	1,000
Auditors Remuneration - previous year under accrual	-	333
Auditors Remuneration - non audit services	492	492
Depreciation	<u>22,623</u>	<u>27,407</u>

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9. TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

The directors of the company, being members of the Board of Trustees, received no emoluments during the year (2015: £nil). However, travelling expenses to the amount of £643 (2015: £1,270) were reimbursed to 6 (2015: 6) committee members for travel to Society related activities.

10. STAFF COSTS

	2016 £	2015 £
Wages and salaries	295,820	331,440
Social security cost	24,100	21,587
Pension cost	14,024	17,099
	<u>333,944</u>	<u>370,126</u>

The average number of full time equivalent employees during the year was made up as follows:

	2016 Number	2015 Number
Direct charitable activities	9.5	10.5
Fundraising	-	0.5
Governance	1.0	2.0
	<u>10.5</u>	<u>13.0</u>

No employee had emoluments in excess of £60,000 in the year (2015: none).

	2016 £	2015 £
Remuneration for key members of staff:	145,253	144,401

11. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE CHARITY

The consolidated statements of financial activities includes the results of the charity's wholly owned subsidiary, Society of Genealogists Enterprises Limited. The summary financial performance of the charity alone is:

	2016 £	2015 £
Incoming resources	570,850	580,909
Building Revaluation	2,189,249	-
Gift aid from subsidiary company	35,065	25,253
	<u>2,795,164</u>	606,162
Expenditure on charitable activities	(581,742)	(628,328)
Net incoming resources	2,213,422	(22,166)
Total funds brought forward	1,169,323	1,191,489
Total funds carried forward	<u>3,382,745</u>	<u>1,169,323</u>
Represented by:		
Restricted income funds	32,224	30,734
Designated funds	3,075,122	886,692
Unrestricted income funds	275,399	251,897
	<u>3,382,745</u>	<u>1,169,323</u>

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The consolidated statements of financial activities includes the results of the charity's wholly owned subsidiary, Society of Genealogists Enterprises Limited. The summary financial performance of the subsidiary alone is:

The trading results of the subsidiary company are set out as follows:

	2016	2015
	£	£
Turnover	74,303	117,740
Donation	-	-
Interest receivable	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total income	74,303	117,740
Cost of sales	-	29,861
Distribution cost	-	-
Administrative expenses	39,238	60,163
Corporation Tax	-	-
Donation to Society	35,065	25,253
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total expenditure	74,303	115,277
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net income from trading	<u> </u>	<u>2,463</u>

At 31st December, the aggregate amount of this company's assets, liabilities, share capital and reserves was:

	2016	2015
	£	£
Fixed assets	0	0
Current assets	87,196	131,049
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(67,196)	(111,049)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	20,000	20,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
 This represented:		
Share capital	20,000	20,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Reserves	20,000	20,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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12. 2015 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES BY FUND

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds £
Income from				
Donations and legacies	56,059	-	-	56,059
Charitable Activities				
Membership income	403,516	-	-	403,516
Library income	3,295	-	2,465	5,760
Event income	63,109	-	-	63,109
Genealogy income	3,270	-	-	3,270
Book shop and publications	73,004	-	-	73,004
Investment Income	1,659	-	-	1,659
Other Income	4,325	-	-	4,325
Total	<u>608,237</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,465</u>	<u>610,702</u>
Expenditure on				
Cost of Raising Funds	5,685	-	-	5,685
Charitable Activities				
Membership expenditure	153,151	-	-	153,151
Library expenditure	231,175	-	1,817	232,992
Event expenditure	102,418	-	-	102,418
Genealogy expenditure	19,932	-	-	19,932
Bookshop, magazine & publications expenditure	116,226	-	-	116,226
Total	<u>628,587</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,817</u>	<u>630,404</u>
Net Income/(Expenditure)	(20,350)	-	648	(19,702)
Transfers between funds	(855,796)	856,692	(896)	-
Net movement in funds	(876,146)	856,692	(248)	(19,702)
Reconciliation of Funds				
Total Funds brought forward	<u>1,128,044</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,982</u>	<u>1,189,026</u>
Total Funds carried forward	<u>251,898</u>	<u>886,692</u>	<u>30,734</u>	<u>1,169,324</u>

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13 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group	Freehold Land and Buildings £	Building Development £	Books, Manuscripts & Typescripts £	Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings £	Microforms £	Total £
Cost or Valuation						
At 1st January 2016	938,015	-	219,048	550,848	159,383	1,867,294
Additions	-	4,539	1,871	4,280	-	10,690
Revaluation of building	2,189,249	-	-	-	-	2,189,249
At 31st December 2016	3,127,264	4,539	220,919	555,128	159,383	4,067,233
Depreciation						
At 1st January 2016	327,264	-	-	455,462	132,490	915,216
Charge for the year	-	-	-	19,933	2,690	22,623
At 31st December 2016	327,264	-	-	475,395	135,180	937,839
Net Book Value						
At 31st December 2016	2,800,000	4,539	220,919	79,733	24,203	3,129,394
At 31st December 2015	610,751	-	219,048	95,386	26,893	952,078
Charity						
	Freehold Land and Buildings £	Building Development £	Books, Manuscripts & Typescripts £	Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings £	Microforms £	Total £
Cost or Valuation						
At 1st January 2016	938,015	-	219,048	539,252	159,383	1,855,698
Additions	-	4,539	1,871	4,280	-	10,690
Revaluation	2,189,249	-	-	-	-	-
At 31st December 2016	3,127,264	4,539	220,919	543,532	159,383	4,055,637
Depreciation						
At 1st January 2016	327,264	-	-	443,866	132,490	903,620
Charge for the year	-	-	-	19,933	2,690	22,623
At 31st December 2016	327,264	-	-	463,799	135,180	926,243
Net Book Value						
At 31st December 2016	2,800,000	4,539	220,919	79,733	24,203	3,129,394
At 31st December 2015	610,751	-	219,048	95,386	26,893	952,078

The valuation of books, manuscripts and typescripts is a 1952 professional valuation amounting to £8,195. Additions since then have been included at cost. The insured value of books, manuscripts, typescripts, microform, plant and machinery, fixtures and fittings is £2,793,024 (2015: £2,793,024).

The freehold land and buildings have been revalued and deemed as at cost as per the FRS102. The cost being ascertained as £2,800,000 by Gerald Eve LLP on 29 April 2014.

The majority of fixed assets of the society are used for direct charitable activities. The assets used for non-charitable activities are of immaterial value and therefore have not been disclosed separately in the financial statements.

The freehold property is the subject of a legal charge dated 12th October 2001 in respect of all bank borrowings. Currently there are no such borrowings.

The Building Development is for sums spent on the proposed roof top building development.

Plant and Machinery has been fully written off and no longer included.

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14. FIXED ASSEST INVESTMENTS

Shares in group
undertakings
£

Market Value
At 1 January 2016 and 31 December 2016 20,000

Net Book Value
At 31 December 2016 20,000

At 31 December 2015 20,000

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following:

Society of Genealogists Enterprises Limited

Nature of business: Providers of Genealogy material

	%		
Class of share:	holding		
Ordinary	100		
		2016	2015
		£	£
Aggregate capital and reserves		20,000	20,000
profit/(loss) for the year		<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>2,463</u></u>

15. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Charity	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	12,017	11,050	7,698	2,468
Amount owed by subsidiary undertakings	-	-	12,304	-
Other debtors	26,470	23,258	26,098	23,257
Taxation and Social Security	-	813	3,107	14,845
Prepayments and accrued income	12,753	15,270	12,753	14,977
	<u>51,240</u>	<u>50,391</u>	<u>61,960</u>	<u>55,547</u>

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16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Charity	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	11,784	15,932	11,149	15,181
Amounts due to subsidiary	-	-	-	8,919
Taxation and social security	10,187	-	7,929	-
Other creditors	2,934	6,390	2,934	3,313
Accruals and deferred income	102,461	103,495	101,961	100,950
	<u>127,366</u>	<u>125,817</u>	<u>123,973</u>	<u>128,363</u>

	Group		Charity	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	£	£	£	£
Deferred Income brought forward	92,981	87,075	92,981	87,075
Released to income in the year	(92,981)	(87,075)	(92,981)	(87,075)
Income deferred in the year	92,931	92,981	92,931	92,981
Deferred Income carried forward	<u>92,931</u>	<u>92,981</u>	<u>92,931</u>	<u>92,981</u>

17. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

There are no operating lease commitments.

18. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

Restricted funds of group and charity:

	At 01.01.2016	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	At 31.12.16
	£	£	£	£	£
Fellows Fund	226	-	-	-	226
Library Funds	25,910	3,675	(1,935)	(400)	27,250
Binding Funds	4,598	150	-	-	4,748
	<u>30,734</u>	<u>3,825</u>	<u>(1,935)</u>	<u>(400)</u>	<u>32,224</u>

2015

Restricted funds of group and charity:

	At 01.01.2015	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	At 31.12.15
	£	£	£	£	£
Fellows Fund	226	-	-	-	226
Library Funds	24,743	2,452	(388)	(897)	25,910
Binding Funds	6,013	15	(1,430)	-	4,598
	<u>30,982</u>	<u>2,467</u>	<u>(1,818)</u>	<u>(897)</u>	<u>30,734</u>

The **Fellows Fund** is to be used by the Fellows for any purpose deemed appropriate.

The **Library Funds** are to be used specifically for library purchases. The transfer to unrestricted funds represents capital expenditure incurred in the year.

The **Binding Funds** are to be used towards the cost of binding records.

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19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Prior permission by the Charity Commission has been given for Trustees to receive lecture fees and any authors royalties.

20. STATUS OF THE SOCIETY

The Society is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. The liability of members is limited to £2 each.

21. RECONCILIATION OF NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Group	2016	2015
Net movement in funds	24,172	(19,702)
Add back depreciation charge	22,623	27,407
Deduct interest income	(1,287)	(1,659)
Decrease (increase) in stock	2,054	722
Decrease (increase) in debtors	(116,556)	(3,069)
(Decrease) increase in creditors	117,256	(7,259)
	<u>48,262</u>	<u>(3,560)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		