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River Thames Society

Trustees' Report and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2020

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Reference and Administrative Details for the Year Ended 31 October 2020

TRUSTEES

Peter Finch Chairman of Council

Rupert Bagilhole
Jack Betteridge
Leslie Jones OBE
David Lambert
Jackie Lambert
Hilary Pereira
Colin Reynolds
Gillian Rix
John Skuse
John Tamsitt
Wendy Yorke
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Roy Miller
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REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER

01747301 (England and Wales)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Ian S Anderson, Chartered Accountant

Chartam House 16 College Avenue Maidenhead Berkshire SL6 6AX

PRESIDENT

Lord Owen CH FRCP

VICE-PRESIDENTS

Lady Borwick Mark Edwards MBE Sir David Suchet CBE

Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 October 2020

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 charity for the year ended 31 October 2020. 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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The principal activities of the charity continue to be to:

- Protect the natural beauty of the River Thames, adjacent lands and buildings of historic interest
- Promote nature conservation
- Support and contribute to the efforts of other organisations with similar interest in the river
- Preserve and extend amenities which allow and encourage the use of the river for all purposes

Achievements and performance

For the first six months of the year the Society undertook a range of social, cultural and educational activities in support of our aims, working with other river-related bodies and keeping in touch with MPs and Ministers.

During the last six months, due to the Covid-19 pandemic our activities were curtailed but we maintained online contact with the Port of London Authority, Environment Agency and Thames Path Partnership, with our River Wardens, when possible monitoring the Thames Path.

Public benefit

During part of the year, when conditions allowed the Society provided a range of talks, displays and guided walks. We continued to publish a quarterly magazine, re-designed the website and developed other social media, providing information on a range of topics to members of the public, broadcasting and educational bodies.

We continued to make awards to individuals and organisations making a significant contribution to the river and gave grants to youth, sporting and environmental groups.

Financial review

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year on page 6 shows net income for the Society of £4,840 (2019 £961). All of the funds received during the year were unrestricted funds and which could be used to enable the charity to meet its running costs and to allow the trustees to utilise funds for relevant charitable purposes.

During the year the trust generated the following income;

- 1) Donations, subscriptions & legacies totalling £23,888 (2019-£18,978) were raised.
- 2) Income generated from the Thames Guardian magazine and merchandise sales totalled £5,953 (2019 £7,167).
- 3) Events realised income of £4,729 (2019 £12,508).
- 4) Investment income in the form of bank interest totalled £343 (2019 £1,462). The increase in value of the COIF Units in the Charities Ethical Investment Fund was £2,194 (2019 £4,292).

Historically The Thames Guardian magazine has realised a surplus towards charitable activities. However, the special circumstances this year meant that the Summer issue's advertising was reduced and the publishers did not contribute to the charity for that issue. Thus for the year there was a loss of £974, although it should be noted that there was still the added advantage of the savings on the cost of producing a separate members newsletter.

Included in charitable expenditure is £1,100 defrayed on grants is shown in note 5 to the financial statements, which reflects a decrease on the previous year occasioned by the "Covid effect" as the trustees had less face to face meetings at which such matters are better discussed.

There were no movements in fixed assets in the year, save depreciation on existing assets.

As at 31 October 2020 total generated funds were £179,124 (2019 - £174,284); The restricted funds previously held for the specific purpose the New Wardens Scheme were defrayed in 2017 and as no further restricted income has been received a nil balance is carried forward at the balance sheet date.

Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 October 2020

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Investment performance

The charitable company's basic investment objective is to maintain the real value of its investments and to maximise income. In order to do this, the charity has invested surplus funds in the COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund Accumulation Units, with further excess funds being placed in a deposit account which is both a safe investment and gives a reasonable rate of return, although at present the return is impacted by the low rates of interest on offer from Banks & Building societies.

Reserves policy and going concern

The charitable company's net income for the year ended 31 October 2020 totalled £4,840 (2019 £961). This includes accumulated unrealised profits on investments of £2,194. The balance on the unrestricted income fund at 31 October 2020 was £179,124 (2019 £174,284). As detailed in the Financial Review there was no balance held on restricted funds.

The Directors regularly review the reserves policy, based upon current levels of expenditure and income, and are actively seeking to make grants to worthy individuals and organisations which fall within the charitable company's remit. The policy is to ensure unused surplus funds do not accumulate whilst allowing for risks to income flows resulting from damage to reputation and the effects of a severe recession reducing membership and donations.

The River Thames Society does not intend to be a reserves-rich charity and, in any event, the Society's current activities do not require this. The trustees consider that adequate resources will continue to be available to fund the activities of the Society for the foreseeable future and view the charity as a going concern.

FUTURE PLANS

The future aims of the Society are to extend current activities, develop educational work, increase our presence at river-related events and support for initiatives of benefit to the wider river community.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2016 and the Memorandum and Articles of Association. 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 102 (effective 1 January 2019).

Trustee directors and other appointments

The trustee directors serving on the River Thames Society Council are shown on page 1.

The Chairman of the Council is Peter Finch.

The president and vice presidents (which are non-directorship appointments) serve three-year terms. The year in which they become due for re-election is published in each year's notice of Annual General Meeting. The elective directors also serve three-year terms. The year in which their terms of office cease are published in each year's notice of Annual General Meeting. All other directors are elected annually.

Organisation and structure

River Thames Society is a registered charity and is a registered company limited by guarantee. The company was incorporated and is governed by its memorandum and articles of association dated 22 August 1983. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 23 January 1984.

The Society consists of five branches covering the whole of the river from the source to the sea. It is governed by a council, which consists of the chair of each branch and members elected for a term of office at each Annual General Meeting by the members.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces;
- the establishment of policies, systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the annual review; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise

Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 October 2020

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Ian S Anderson was appointed Independent Examiner at the last Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 5 March 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

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Guy Barlow - Secretary

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of River Thames Society

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of River Thames Society ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 October 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- 4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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

Ian S Anderson BA FCA FCCA

on behalf of

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5 March 2021

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 October 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies	2	23,888	<u>-</u>	23,888	18,978
Other trading activities Investment income	3 4	10,706 343	-	10,706 343	20,202 1,462
Total		34,937	-	34,937	40,642
EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds		13,098	<u>-</u>	13,098	22,142
Charitable activities Charitable expenditure		19,193		19,193	21,831
Total		32,291	***	32,291	43,973
Net gains on investments		2,194	<u> </u>	2,194	4,292
NET INCOME	. •	4,840		4,840	961
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	•			-	
Total funds brought forward		174,284	-	174,284	173,323
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		179,124	•	179,124	174,284

Balance Sheet 31 October 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund £	2020 Total funds £	2019 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS		•			
Tangible assets	, 9	5,390	-	5,390	5,860
Investments	10	38,074	<u> </u>	38,074	35,879
		43,464		43,464	41,739
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	11	1,990	≟	1,990	1,783
Debtors	12	3,540	-	3,540	3,675
Cash at bank and in hand		131,346	<u>.</u> .	131,346	129,868
		136,876	-	136,876	135,326
CREDITORS	•		•		,
Amounts falling due within one year	13	(1,216)	· -	(1,216)	(2,781)
NET CURRENT ASSETS	•	135,660	-	135,660	132,545
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					*
LIABILITIES		179,124	-	179,124	174,284
NET ASSETS		179,124		179,124	174,284
THE RESULTS	•	=====	====	======	=====
FUNDS	14	•			
Unrestricted funds				179,124	174,284
TOTAL FUNDS				179,124	174,284
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The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 October 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company 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 charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its 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 company.

Balance Sheet - continued

31 October 2020

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 5 March 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

Peter Finch - Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 October 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis. The charity's activities have been curtailed to an extent by Covid-19 but this has not impacted on going concern, nor has the full advent of Brexit after the balance sheet date.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of:

- the date on which the charity is aware that probate has been granted;
- the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made; or
- when a distribution is received from the estate.

Donated services and facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item. On receipt, donated services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity and a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure.

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. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Costs of Generating Funds - Fundraising costs represent the costs of raising funds and include the costs of annual fundraising dinners and events and relevant administration costs.

Irrecoverable VAT - Irrecoverable VAT is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which it arises.

Charitable expenditure - Charitable expenditure comprises the costs of carrying out the Society's Activities and includes the costs of producing the Thames Guardian magazine and charitable grants.

Central administration & Governance costs - Central administration costs not directly attributable to any particular activity are spread equally between fundraising and publicity and charitable expenditure. Governance costs are split in proportion to direct costs in a similar manner.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property - not provided

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 October 2020

ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Equipment

- at variable rates on reducing balance

Cutter

- 15% on reducing balance

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any trade discounts due.

Cash in hand

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

Investments

Listed Investments are valued at market value.

Investment Income is stated net of any unreclaimable tax credits.

DONATIONS AND LEGACIES 2.

	2020	2019
	£	£
Donations	1,003	898
Gift aid	2,700	845
Legacies	2,528	-
Subscriptions	17,657	17,235
	23,888	18,978
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 October 2020

3.	OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		
	•	2020	2019
		£	£
	Fundraising events	4,729	12,508
	Sale of merchandise	139	315
	Thames Guardian magazine	5,814	6,852
	Other income - cutter	24	527
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		10,706	20,202
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4.	INVESTMENT INCOME		
		2020	2019
		.	£
	Deposit account interest	336	1,451
	COIF interest	7	11
	•	343	1,462
			
	•		
5.	GRANTS PAYABLE		
	•	2020	2019
		£	£
	Charitable expenditure	1,100	6,125
			7
	The total grants paid to institutions during the year was as follows:		
	•	2020	2019
		£	£
	Essex Yacht Club - Emergency water repair	-	1,000
	1st Walton Sea Scouts - Purchase of a boat trailer	-	1,500
	Thames Path - New leaflet	-	900
	River and Rowing Museum - Educational project	-	2,000
	Leigh Heritage Centre - Interpretation boards	-	608
	River Thames Boat Project - New banners	- '	117
	Molesey Sea Scouts - Special award	250	٠ -
	Richmond Canoe Club - Special award	250	-
	Oxford Blue Plaques - Abel Beesley plaque	100	-
	Kingston Maritime Volunteers - River rescue equipment	500	-
			
		1,100	6,125
			=====
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6.	NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		•
		·	
	The above includes the		
	following charges:	2020	2019
•		£	£
	Independent examiner's fees	990	990
	Depreciation of fixed assets	470	554

Governance costs totalled £2,306 (2019 £3,388). This reflects the independent examination, plus the reduced costs of AGM and trustee meetings in the financial year. These costs have been apportioned equally between the two expenditure categories detailed in the Statement of Financial Activities.

In addition to the financial transactions, the Director-trustees wish to acknowledge the considerable amount of time given voluntarily by members towards the work of the Society.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 October 2020

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 October 2020 nor for the year ended 31 October 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 October 2020 nor for the year ended 31 October 2019.

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM Donations and legacies	18,978	÷	18,978
Other trading activities Investment income	20,202 1,462	-	20,202 1,462
Total	40,642	-	40,642
EXPENDITURE ON Raising funds	22,142	· ·	22,142
Charitable activities Charitable expenditure	21,831		21,831
Total	43,973		43,973
Net gains on investments	4,292	· -	4,292
NET INCOME	961	· · -	961
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	· ·		
Total funds brought forward	173,323	-	173,323
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	174,284	 	174,284

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 October 2020

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Equipment £	Cutter £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 November 2019 and 31 October 2020	2,727	1,308	10,621	14,656
DEPRECIATION		•		
At 1 November 2019	- '	1,307	7,489	8,796
Charge for year		-	470	470
At 31 October 2020	<u>-</u>	1,307	7,959	9,266
NET BOOK VALUE	,		**	
At 31 October 2020	2,727	, <u>1</u>	2,662	5,390
At 31 October 2019	2,727	1	3,132	5,860
	•		•	

10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Investment Fund £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 November 2019	35,879
Revaluations	2,195
At 31 October 2020	38,074
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 October 2020	38,074
At 31 October 2019	35,879

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Fixed asset investments is represented by 9,632.30 COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund Accumulation Units purchased for £17,120 on 6 September 2012.

11. STOCKS

	•	2020	2019
		£	£
Merchandise for resale		1,990	1,783
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COIF Ethical

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 October 2020

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12.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WIT	HIN ONE YEA	AR		
		•		2020	2019
				£	£
	Prepayments and accrued income			3,540	3,675
					
13.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE W	TTHIN ONE Y	ÆAR .		
				2020	2019
				£	£
	Accruals and deferred income	•		1,216	2,781
					
14.	MOVEMENT IN FUNDS				
				Net	
			At	movement	At
			1.11.19	in funds	31.10.20
	•		£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds				
	General fund		174,284	4,840	179,124
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	TOTAL FUNDS		174,284	4,840	179,124
	Net movement in funds, included in the above are	as follows:			•
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	•	Incoming	Resources	Gains and	Movement
	•	resources	expended	losses	in funds
	•	£	£	£	£
•	Unrestricted funds			•	
	General fund	34,937	(32,291)	2,194	4,840
	TOTAL FUNDS	34,937	(32,291)	2,194	4,840
	TOTAL FUNDS	34,937 ====================================	(32,291)	2,194	4,040
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	Comparatives for movement in funds	•			
				3.7 .	
			4.	Net	
			At	movement	At
			1.11.18	in funds	31.10.19
	Unwestwisted founds		£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds General fund		172 202	061	174 204
	General lund		173,323	961	174,284
	TOTAL FUNDS		173,323	961	174,284
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 October 2020

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund	40,642	(43,973)	4,292	961
TOTAL FUNDS	40,642	(43,973)	4,292	961

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.11.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.10.20 £
Unrestricted funds General fund	173,323	5,801	179,124
TOTAL FUNDS	173,323	5,801	179,124

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

•	•	Incoming resources	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds General fund		75,579	(76,264)	6,486	5,801
TOTAL FUNDS		75,579	(76,264)	6,486	5,801

The net movement in funds as shown on page 6 as required by the Charity's Statement of Recommended Practice is a surplus of £4,840 (2019 - £961). The surplus for Companies Act 2006 purposes is £2,646 (2019 - deficit of £3,331) reflecting the amount before the unrealised gain (2019 gain) on revaluation of investments.

There were no Restricted Funds arising in the year.

The Unrestricted Funds consist of Branch and Headquarters' Funds

	31.10.19 Surplus/Deficit Transf for the year		Transfers	31.10.20
	£	£	£	£
Branch Funds		•	,	
Upper Thames	2,095	. (2)	0	2,093
Middle Thames	5,094	247	0	5,341
Teddington/Old Windsor	2,135	202	0	2,337
Upper Tideway	266	(55)	0	211
Central Tideway &				
Estuary	<u>1,395</u>	<u>(325)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,070</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 October 2020

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Branches Total	10,985	67	0	11,052
Headquarters	144,539	2,578	0	147,117
Revaluation Reserve	18,760	2,195	. <u>0</u>	<u> 20,955</u>
• •	174,284	<u>4,840</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>179,124</u>

15. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 October 2020 the company had authorised and contracted for capital expenditure of £Nil (2019 £Nil).

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 October 2020.

17. LEGAL STATUS OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY

The Society is a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Members have guaranteed contributions of an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the Society in the event of its dissolution. The total number of members at 31 October 2020 was 847 (2019 - 846) representing 477 individuals (including 35 life members), 309 families (including 5 life membership), 2 students, 45 clubs and 14 corporate organisations.