

Company Registration No. 03899591 (England and Wales)

**SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS ENTERPRISES LIMITED**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**



# **SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS ENTERPRISES LIMITED**

## **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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<b>Directors</b>	Dr R Sturt OBE A Buckley S Hourizi
<b>Secretary</b>	J M.Perrin (Chief Executive)
<b>Company number</b>	03899591
<b>Registered office</b>	14 Charterhouse Buildings Goswell Road London EC1M 7BA
<b>Auditor</b>	Richard Place Dobson Services Limited 1-7 Station Road Crawley West Sussex RH10 1HT

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# **SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS ENTERPRISES LIMITED**

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019***

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The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

### **Principal activities**

The company has in place a master trading agreement with Society of Genealogists and a deed covenanting its profits.

The principal activity of the company during the year was the publishing of genealogical data.

### **Directors**

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

Dr R Sturt OBE

A Buckley

S Hourizi

### **Statement of disclosure to auditor**

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the directors individually have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

On behalf of the board



A Buckley

**Director**

Date: 10 December 2020

# **SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS ENTERPRISES LIMITED**

## **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019***

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The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS ENTERPRISES LIMITED

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS ENTERPRISES LIMITED

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Society of Genealogists Enterprises Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

- the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

# **SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS ENTERPRISES LIMITED**

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **TO THE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS ENTERPRISES LIMITED**

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#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the directors' report and take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

#### **Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members 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 company and the company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



for and on behalf of Richard Place Dobson Services Limited

11 December 2020

**Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor**

1-7 Station Road  
Crawley  
West Sussex  
RH10 1HT

# **SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS ENTERPRISES LIMITED**

## **PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019***

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	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
Turnover		55,209	61,472
Administrative expenses		(20,445)	(27,617)
Donation under gift aid		(34,764)	(33,855)
Profit before taxation		-	-
Tax on profit		-	-
Profit for the financial year		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>



# SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS ENTERPRISES LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	2019 £	£	2018 £	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	4	10,645		38,603	
Cash at bank and in hand		45,797		19,457	
		<u>56,442</u>		<u>58,060</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	5	<u>(36,442)</u>		<u>(38,060)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>20,000</u>		<u>20,000</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital	6		<u>20,000</u>		<u>20,000</u>

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

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 10 December 2020 and are signed on its behalf by:



A Buckley

Director

Company Registration No. 03899591

# SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS ENTERPRISES LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Company information**

Society of Genealogists Enterprises Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is: 14 Charthouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London, EC1M 7BA.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The disclosure requirements of section 1A of FRS 102 have been applied other than where additional disclosure is required to show a true and fair view.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **1.2 Turnover**

Revenue represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts.

Revenue from publishing the Society's data on a pay-per-view basis on the internet is calculated by reference to the higher of actual usage and the contractual minimum amount guaranteed by the service provider. Amounts received in excess of that due to date are disclosed as "payments received on account" within the creditors.

#### **1.3 Tangible fixed assets**

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

Plant and equipment	50% straight line per annum
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to profit or loss.

#### **1.4 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### **1.5 Financial instruments**

The 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 company's balance sheet when the 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.

# SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS ENTERPRISES LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### *Basic financial assets*

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

#### *Classification of financial liabilities*

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

#### *Basic financial liabilities*

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### 1.6 Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of transaction costs. Dividends payable on equity instruments are recognised as liabilities once they are no longer at the discretion of the company.

#### 1.7 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.

#### 1.8 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

The Company operates a defined contribution scheme. The pension costs charged to the P&L represent the amount of the contributions payable to the Scheme in respect of the accounting period.

### 2 Employees

The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the year was 1 (2018 - 1).

	2019 Number	2018 Number
Total	1	1

# SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS ENTERPRISES LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

### 3 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery etc £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019	3,620
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019	3,620
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 December 2019	-
At 31 December 2018	-

### 4 Debtors

	2019 £	2018 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	6,244	7,081
Amounts owed by group undertakings	4,401	30,330
Other debtors	-	1,192
	<u>10,645</u>	<u>38,603</u>

### 5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2019 £	2018 £
Amounts owed to group undertakings	34,764	33,855
Taxation and social security	1,678	3,705
Other creditors	-	500
	<u>36,442</u>	<u>38,060</u>

### 6 Called up share capital

	2019 £	2018 £
<b>Ordinary share capital</b>		
<b>Issued and fully paid</b>		
20,000 Allotted, Called up and Fully Paid 20 Ordinary Shares of £1,000 each. of 0p each	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>

# **SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS ENTERPRISES LIMITED**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019***

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### **7 Related party transactions**

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard Number 8 from the requirement to disclose transactions with group companies on the grounds that consolidated accounts are prepared by the ultimate parent company and are publicly available.

### **8 Parent company**

The Society of Genealogists Enterprises Limited is controlled by The Society of Genealogists. The Society of Genealogists is a charitable company limited by guarantee, the accounts of which are available from Companies House.

### **9 Ultimate Controlling Party**

The Society of Genealogists Enterprises Ltd is controlled by the Society of Genealogists. The Society of Genealogists is a charitable company limited by guarantee, the accounts of which are available from Companies House.

### **10 Covid-19**

At the date of approval of the accounts it has not been possible to quantify or ascertain with any certainty any financial impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19). The directors have assessed the carrying values of the company's assets and the ability of the company to continue trading and pay its liabilities as they fall due, as a result of that assessment, no adjustments have been made to any figures in the accounts as a result of the pandemic.